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Wild pigs ruin River School soccer field

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR SOME residents who live near Carmel River Lagoon, the plan by California State Parks to exterminate the wild pigs wreaking havoc on lawns, parks and schools is a reasonable response.

But others are quick to defend the pigs' right to exist. The swine should be moved, not shot, some local residents say.

Meanwhile, it was business as usual last week for the porkers. In the wee hours of Dec. 28, more than 30 of them discovered a little slice of hog heaven at the Carmel River School playground, destroying most of the soccer field as they rooted for worms and bugs.

"It looks like war zone," said Jay Marden, the school principal. "It's outrageous how much damage they did."

The field, which includes a baseball backstop and two

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PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

State parks rangers are about to begin trapping and killing wild pigs near the Carmel River lagoon, but not before a herd of 30 swine tunneled under the fence and uprooted most of the soccer field at Carmel River School in a single night's invasion.



PHOTO/BILL HILL

TOT hike headed for spring ballot

By MARY BROWNFIELD

VOTERS WILL decide whether to increase Carmel's hostelry tax by 20 percent — from 10 percent to 12 percent — in a special election, the city council decided 3-0 Wednesday. The issue will be put to residents at the polls — not conducted entirely by mail as some other recent ballot measures have been. The council set no date for the vote, but it must occur no later than April 11, according to the state elections code.

In his report to the council Dec. 29, city administrator Rich Guillen said a 12 percent tax rate would have raised an additional \$698,161 during the last fiscal year. According to the specific allocations in the initiative, which was launched by Carmel residents Jim Brun, Mike Biele and Patricia Fairbank, \$174,540 (one-half of 1 percent) of the new tax revenue would have paid for beach, park, open space and forest projects; another \$174,540 would have covered maintenance and repairs at the library, Forest Theater, Scout House and Flanders Mansion;

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Few complaints when Mother Nature pulls the plug on Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR MOST people, a power outage represents a major inconvenience. For many Big Sur residents, though, it's just another day in paradise.

"I'm in heaven when the power goes out," said Catherine Elber Wenner, a t'ai chi teacher who has lived in Big Sur for 40 years. "It's life unplugged."

When the power goes out, Wenner likes to meditate, heat water on her wood-burning stove and occasionally do something "dangerous and thrilling, like going outside and covering up the wood pile."

"Living in Big Sur is a never-ending adventure with the forces of nature," Wenner said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to see how addicted we are to the amenities of civilization. Can I really do without these things? They're convenient, but I don't need them."

For Wenner's friend and neighbor, Ric Masten, a power outage is just a momentary hassle. When the lights flicker and fade, Masten simply walks outside and pulls the cord on his gas-powered generator.

"The generator is a nuisance," said Masten, a poet, publisher and 46-year Palo Colorado Canyon resident. But it surely makes life more comfortable. "I used to

spend the day next to the potbellied stove trying to keep warm when the power went out," he said.

Despite his dependence on a generator, Masten said he still has a deep appreciation for the inconveniences nature imposes on Big Sur residents.

"El Niño was great," said Masten of the 1998 storms that wreaked havoc on the Big Sur Coast. "It got rid of all the Johnny-come-latelys. They're not really coast folk. They're squatters. When the electricity goes out, they head back to the city."

Chris Deeny, who is clearly no city slicker, moved to Big Sur five years ago. His first rental didn't have electricity.

"I was without power for two years, and I found it to be quite a nice experience," said Deeny, who works for the Esalen Institute. "As long as I have a heat source and sunlight, I'm fine. You just need to be prepared and have a backup plan. I'm always amused by those who are terribly put out."

On Dec. 27, Deeny was enjoying his day off listening to music and reading a book. When the electricity went off during a heavy rainstorm, he turned on his battery-powered boom box and went back to his reading.

Employees at the Pacific Gas & See BIG SUR page 12A

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— Ric Masten



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

During a break between downpours, county bulldozers opened the mouth of the Carmel River early Thursday. The U-shaped channel was designed to protect juvenile steelhead by draining the lagoon slowly, but ended up draining it too slowly, threatening to undermine Scenic Road.

Lagoon rises as delicate channel work goes awry

By PAUL MILLER

WITH A BEVY of law enforcement officers, firefighters and public officials looking on, two county bulldozers opened the mouth of the Carmel River early Thursday morning, just as the lagoon reached flood stage after a night of heavy rain.

They worked carefully, cutting a channel wildlife officials said would help protect the river's native species. But the channel drained the lagoon too slowly and the water kept rising throughout the day, threatening

Scenic Road and a nearby neighborhood, according to Mayor Sue McCloud.

"They've started cutting another channel, to try to get the level in the lagoon to go down," she said, just as darkness fell.

Earlier, a water resources engineer, Larry Hampson, said the river, after being dry for months, was expected to start flowing at more than 1,000 cubic feet per second by Thursday afternoon.

"The county waited as long as it could to open it," he said just after 9 a.m. as water

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OFFICER JUAREZ NAMED CARMEL POLICE DETECTIVE

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AFTER FOUR years on the Carmel police force, officer Jesse Juárez will become the department's sole detective Jan. 1 — a position that puts him in charge of investigating the city's serious crimes.

Juárez, who worked for Monterey P.D. for a dozen years before taking the Carmel job, will replace officer Buck Melton, who has left the force for a new job in Atwater. He said his experience in Monterey, including helping solve a much publicized murder, will come in handy.

"During those 12 years, I did investigations for three years and investigated general crimes — anything and everything, from property crimes to crimes against persons," Juárez said.

One of those cases involved the shooting of two Monterey Institute of International Studies students near the Monterey wharf in 1998. Joseph Manibusan and Normal Willover were arrested and convicted, and Manibusan was sentenced to death.

"What I learned from that particular case is that agencies need to work with each other, and by working with each other, the chances of solving a heinous crime are much greater," Juárez said.

Thanks to his collaboration with a Seaside P.D. detective, Juárez said, "within several days we got a break in the case that led to some arrests, which led to determining everyone involved."

Juárez said he learned a lot on the detective beat in Monterey.

"From a basic investigative standpoint, you always utilize something from the things you've experienced," he said.

Police chief George Rawson, who assigned his sergeants the task of developing a process to select a detective, said Juárez fits.

"Those skills he learned in his previous department fared very well for him in terms of our observation of his capabilities here," Rawson said. "And since starting work here, his investigations have been outstanding. He does very thorough work."

The sergeants met to determine "who was best qualified and who in general had the best experience, education and training in this selected field," Sgt. Mel Mukai said. "We were confident in his abilities, and he's been a proven investigator on the job in Carmel."

While other officers expressed interest in the detective assignment, Rawson said only Juárez formally applied for it.

It's unknown how long he'll hold the position. While former police chiefs let Carmel's first detective, Pete Poitras, keep the role for 20 years, Rawson prefers rotating officers through it.

"In a small agency, the opportunities to perform these types of special assignments are far more limited," said Rawson, who as chief of the much larger Indio Police

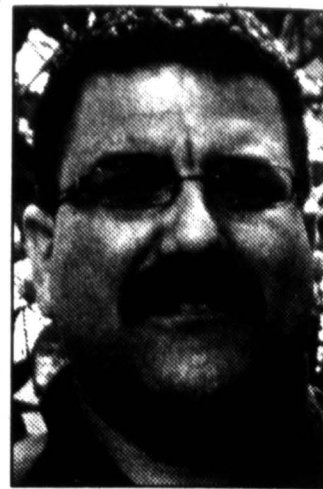
Department retained some permanent detectives — preserving their institutional knowledge — while shifting others.

But he does not advocate fixed rotations, so Juárez will serve as detective for as long as it suits him and Carmel P.D.

"There is a rotation protocol here, but sometimes the needs of the department change," Rawson said.

In preparation for his new assignment, Juárez has been studying up, particularly on elder financial abuse and other related crimes, given Carmel's demographics.

"I'm happy to be trying to provide a service to the community and hope my experience and background will help deter future crimes from occurring," he said. "I will be available to handle anything that can't be handled at the patrol level — anything that's going to involve an extensive investigation."



Officer Jesse Juárez

Eastwood's 'Million Dollar Baby' will get benefit premiere

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

FORMER CARMEL Mayor Clint Eastwood's latest film, "Million Dollar Baby," will have its Monterey

Peninsula premiere Jan. 13 at the new Century Cinemas in Del Monte Center, benefitting First Night Monterey.

Tickets to the event are \$30, or \$25 each for two or more, and can be purchased online at www.FirstNightMonterey.org. The movie will begin at 7 p.m. (Its regular run at the theaters starts the next day.)

Already getting plenty of Oscar buzz after its debut in Los Angeles and New York last month, along with numerous other award nominations and critical acclaim, "Million Dollar Baby" tells the story of an aging boxing trainer who reluctantly agrees to take on a determined female boxer. Both fighter and mentor have been swayed by damaging bouts with life and, together, they create a mutual source of comfort and belief.

Eastwood and Hilary Swank star; he is also the director. "Maybe somebody else could do better, but this film is the best I can do," Eastwood told The Pine Cone. Last year, he received an Oscar nomination as Best Director for "Mystic River." He is also working on what may be his most ambitious project: A film adaptation, in collaboration with Steven Spielberg, of the World War II best seller, "Flags of Our Fathers," by James Bradley and Ron Powers. Eastwood said the script for that movie is almost finished, and he expects it to be released in 2006.

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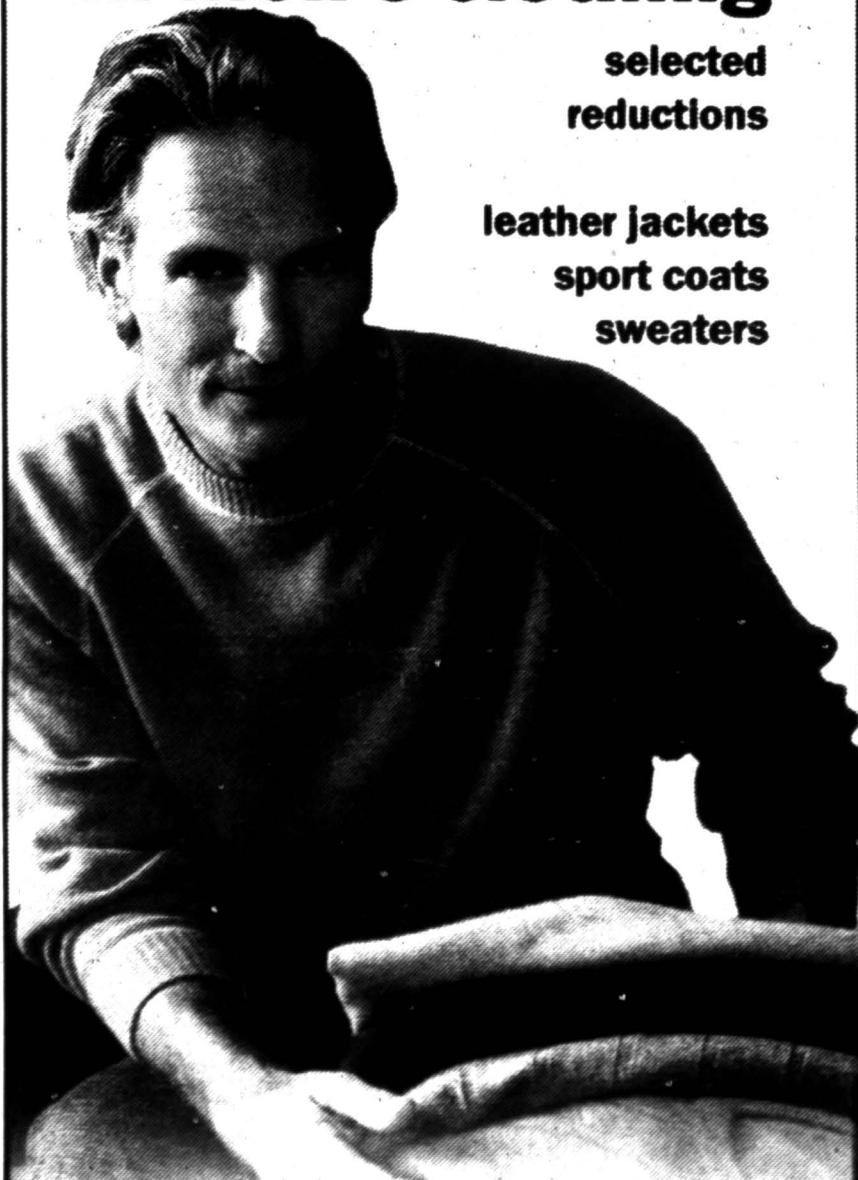
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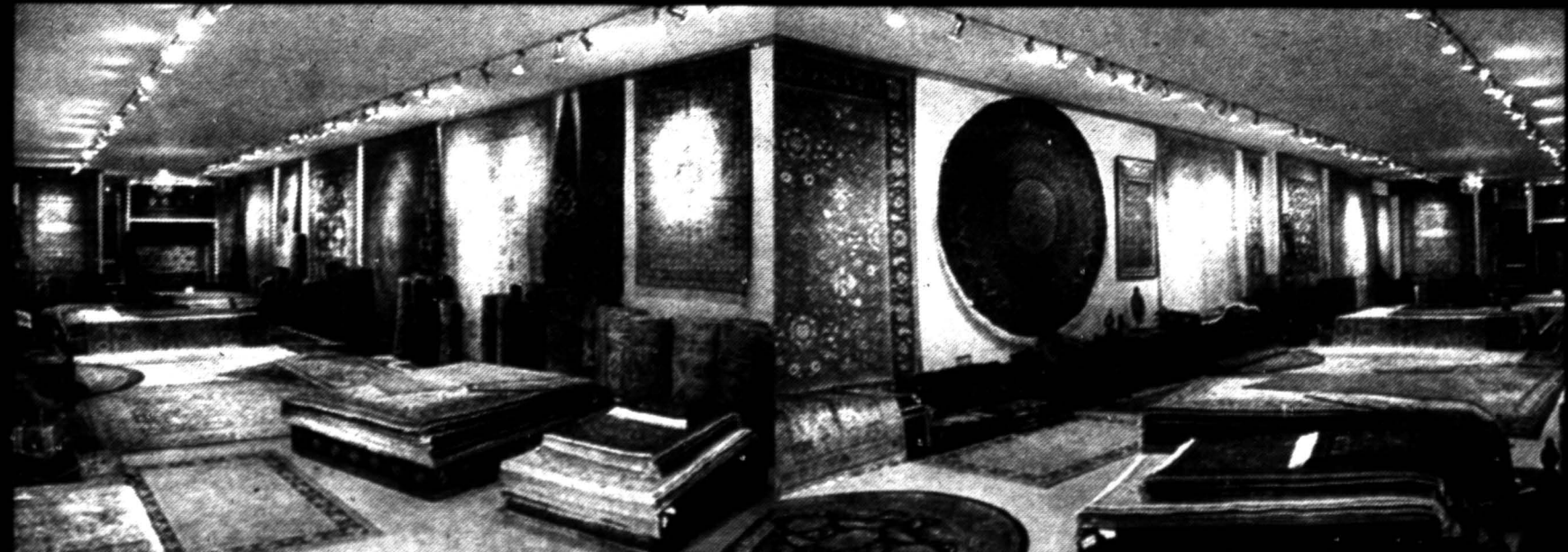
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Attempted theft of RV sewer hose

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department, the Carmel Fire Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Brownfield.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle stolen from a Monte Verde Street residence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmel Chevron reported an act of vandalism to one of its tow trucks sometime between the hours of 1600 hours on 12-17 and 0915 hours on 12-18. Damage more than \$400.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Junipero Street resident reported she received several phone calls by subjects claiming that she won an excessive amount of funds and that to receive the funds, she would have to send a percentage of the winnings to cover fees

and taxes on her alleged winnings. She knew the call was a scam and called to report the incident. Investigation continues.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female Mission Street resident wanted to report her 20-year-old daughter missing after she failed to report for work in Monterey and failed to return home. While taking a missing person report from the resident, the daughter was located with a male friend in Pacific Grove.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Owner of purse inadvertently left it after shopping at a book store on Dolores Street. The owner was contacted and the purse was returned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7104 responded to report of commercial fire alarm activation at the Carmel Plaza. Reported as a water flow. Found audible alarm, not a water alarm. Silenced the system and checked the buildings, which were clear. Contacted Sentry alarm to send out a tech to assess the system.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: While on patrol at 0108 hours, officer noticed several raccoons around an overturned trash can on Junipero in the residential area. Garbage was picked up and cans secured. Raccoons watched and they reluctantly left. Animal control notified to educate property owners regarding raccoon proofing their garbage cans.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 73-year-old female Alzheimer's victim walked away from her home at Carpenter and Fourth and was missing for more than an hour. A search was conducted and she was ultimately located near the Carmel Mission. She was provided with a courtesy escort home, where she was reunited with her caretaker/husband.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizens reported their dog was

See **POLICE LOG** page 8A

Pine Cone moves to new offices this weekend

PHONE, FAX and e-mail communication with the staff of The Carmel Pine Cone will be interrupted from Dec. 31 to Jan. 3 as the newspaper moves to new offices in Carmel and Pacific Grove. The paper's website may also be unavailable during the move.

Publishers Paul Miller and Kirstie Wilde announced last week they had acquired a Victorian-style office building at 734 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove. The new building will house The Pine Cone's production and sales office. Meanwhile, a receptionist and two reporters will relocate to the Stonehouse Terrace building in Carmel on San Carlos near Seventh. The paper had been occupying rental space on Fourth Avenue since 1993.

"I am going to keep running the paper myself for at least 10 more years, and I was determined not to spend all that time paying rent," which had recently been running \$60,000 per year, Miller said.

Three attempts by The Pine Cone to buy permanent office space in downtown Carmel during the past year were not successful, he added.

The Pine Cone, which is widely regarded as one of the best small-town newspapers in California, was founded in 1915. Miller and Wilde bought it in 1997.

The newspaper's main phone number, (831) 624-0162, and mailing address, P.O. Box G-1, Carmel, CA 93921, will not change. However, there will be a new fax number for all departments, (831) 375-5251. Individual staff members, who already have their own email addresses (firstname@carmelpinecone.com) will also have their own phone numbers. Those numbers will be published as soon as they are available.

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WHAT PEOPLE MIGHT SAY BEFORE DOING THIS PUZZLE By PATRICK MERRELL / Edited by WILL SHORTZ

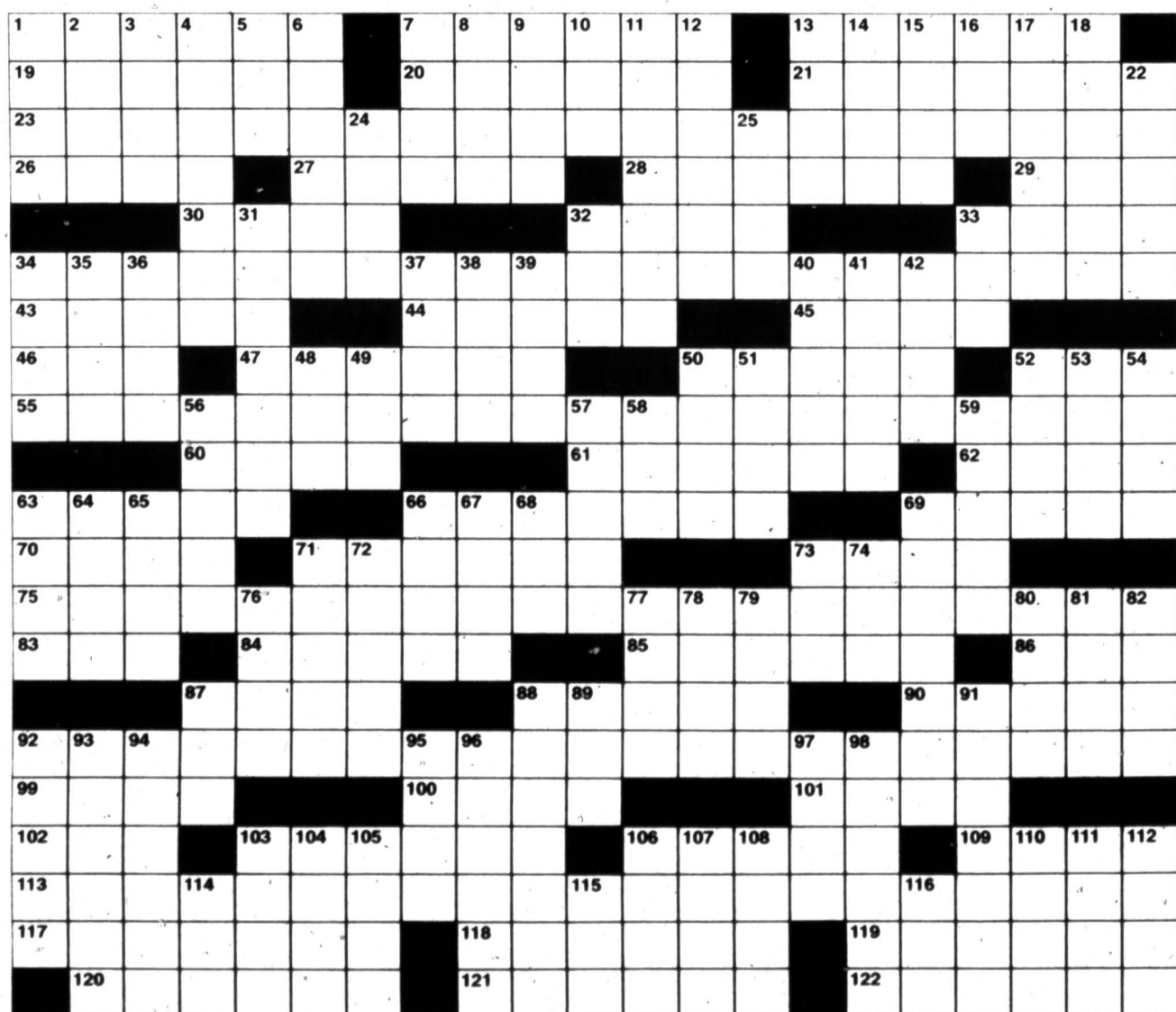
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Burglar snatches city's beach-going 4-by-4

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHETHER TO joyride or to make a quick buck, someone stole the city's quad runner from its storage spot sometime between Dec. 19 and Dec. 28. Police learned Tuesday their Honda 4-by-4 was gone, according to officer Jesse Juarez.

"Someone went to do some routine maintenance on it and discovered it missing," he said.

The burglar broke into the locked building housing the quad — which is used by police officers and paramedics responding to calls on the beach — and were able to drive off with it because the key was in the ignition, according to Sgt. Mel Mukai.

After shutting the garage door, the thief left no obvious signs of the crime. People walking by the shed near Carmel Beach wouldn't have noticed anything amiss, Juarez said.

The 2003 Honda Fourtrax Rubicon 4-by-4 ATV, model number TRX500FA, is olive green and bears no special city markings. It's valued at more than \$8,000.

"It had multiple uses, but the primary use was for us to go out on the beach to patrol the area and show a presence during the tourist season," Juarez said. "And we used it during the night time to check on campfires going after 10 p.m."

Police officers also rode it on the beach during the day to rescue marine animals or other wildlife sick, injured or



An olive green Honda 4-by-4 like this one was stolen from the city's storage shed earlier this month.

stranded on the sand.

But most important, paramedics and firefighters would use the quad runner for medical emergencies on the beach.

Juarez said he is pursuing a few leads. In the meantime, he hopes the Honda ATV will be recovered and that it will have been used only for a short joyride.

"But more than likely, since it's a nice vehicle, I think it could be easily sold," he said.

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Residents urged to help fund massive relief effort in Asia

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AS THE death toll continued to rise above 100,000 and thousands more remain missing following Sunday's earthquake and tsunamis in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, Thailand and other nations, the international services chair at the Carmel chapter of the American Red Cross advised residents how best to help: Send money.

"There's such an overwhelming need for specific materials that we ask people not to donate materials and clothing," said Jill Hofmann, who has worked overseas in war zones and disaster sites such as the conflict in Bosnia and the Venezuelan floods.

The money will help pay for specific items — tents, blankets, tarps, plastic sheeting and hygiene kits — as well as food and medical supplies. The Red Cross is deploying highly trained disaster relief specialists to

help battle poor sanitation to stop the spread of disease, develop potable water systems and assess medical and health needs.

"Each day we find out that many more are injured or killed," she said. "Right now, people are scrabbling to stay alive."

Hofmann suggested anyone desiring to help should donate to the International Relief Fund by delivering a check (note "tsunami victims" in the memo field) to the Carmel chapter at Dolores and Eighth, calling (800)

HELP NOW — or (800) 257-7575 for Spanish speakers — or visiting www.red-cross.org.

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attacked by another dog on the north end of Carmel Beach in the county area. Information was taken on who was involved. All are from out of town. This information was forwarded to Monterey County Animal Services and was an outside assist.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim at Sixth and Santa Rita reported she was missing her credit card and Florida driver license. Credit card may have been used fraudulently at a local business.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to report of a medical emergency at Carmel Mission. At scene, patient refused medical attention and/or transport. Ambulance crew received a medical release form from the patient and canceled the engine.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to report of medical emergency at Ocean and Dolores. Patient stated she never requested medical attention and/or transport. The ambulance crew gave her a Band-Aid for a scratch on her hand.

Carmel area: Male suspect, age 29, was arrested in Yakima, Wash., regarding reported theft of a wallet and credit cards, and subsequent use of the ATM card to withdraw money from banks in Sand City and Castroville on 08-09 and 08-10. The victim, a 38-year-old female Valley Way resident, had left her wallet in a shopping cart at Albertsons on Carmel Rancho

Boulevard. Video surveillance from the store and the banks identified the suspect, who still worked for the grocery chain but had transferred to a store in Yakima. He was subsequently arrested there on 12-12 on a \$50,000 bail Monterey County felony arrest warrant. He is in custody in Washington and is awaiting extradition, which is forthcoming.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Past-tense hit and run on 10th Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmelo Street resident reported petty theft of 10 basalt stones from the northwest corner of his detached garage located south of Ocean Avenue sometime during the last three months.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subjects involved in a verbal argument at 1941 hours on Carpenter Street concerning family problems. Subjects advised of domestic violence laws and counseling.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7104 responded to a reported fire alarm activation at Carmel Square, San Carlos between Ocean and Seventh. Inspection of the crawl way area and heat detectors above the pub and restaurant revealed no indication for the Sentry Alarm-reported zone activation. Contact with restaurant operators indicated there was no audible alarm and the alarm panel indicated trouble for that zone. Sentry Alarm

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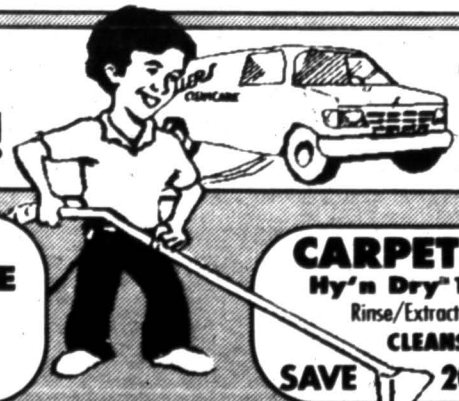
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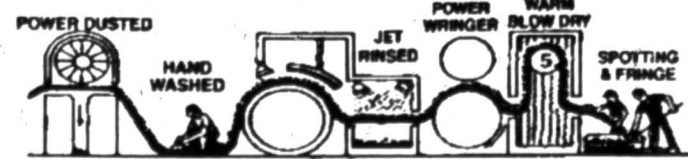
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Youth baseball league hopes for record signups this week

By MARY BROWNFIELD

REGARDLESS IF the kids have ever swung a bat or stolen a base, organizers of Carmel Unified Youth Baseball hope boys and girls ages 5 to 14 will register for the teams next week.

The league is a combination of Carmel Valley Little League and Carmel Youth Baseball, which merged two years ago.

"We want to teach kids to play baseball, but as much as anything, we want kids to have fun," said Carmel Unified Youth Baseball board president Geoff Johnston. "And we instill lessons about life."

Among its missions are teaching the values of team play and sportsmanship, enjoying the rewards of hard work and practice, ensuring fairness and balance among the teams, focusing on safety, teaching leadership through player-to-player mentoring and support, spreading respect for the national pastime and teaching players "to win or lose with dignity and class."

Depending on age and ability, players are assigned to teams at one of five levels:

■ Shetland Division players are 5 or 6 years old as of July 31, 2005, and typically practice one hour each week and play their games on Saturdays. Teammates play each inning of every game, in the field and at bat, and the ball is placed on a tee to ensure kids get hits.

■ Pinto level is for boys and girls ages 7 and 8 who practice one hour and play two games each week. Coaches pitch to batters

and aim to assure hits. No scores are kept, but teams switch sides after three outs or five runs.

■ At the Mustang level — ages 9 and 10 — players usually practice at least twice a week during the preseason. During the season, most teams play twice a week and practice once. Players, not coaches, pitch to opposing batters. Games are six innings long, and each child must play at least three innings in the field per game.

■ Bronco Division players are 11 and 12 years old and play on a larger field, where they are allowed to take leads and steal bases — making the level of play closer to competitive baseball.

■ At the Pony level, the 13- and 14-year-old players get quite serious as they prepare for high school baseball. Following the regular season, which generally runs 18 games, they often have the opportunity to compete in tournaments, including the Pony World Series.

Mustang, Bronco and Pony level players are also candidates for All-Star teams.

Johnston, whose older son joined Carmel Youth Baseball after the family moved to the Peninsula in 1994, and whose younger son is currently involved, touted the success of the merger two years ago of the Carmel Valley and Carmel teams into Carmel Unified Youth Baseball.

"With declining enrollment, both were getting smaller, and it was harder to get support," Johnston said. "So by merging, we've gone from two of the smaller organizations

to one of the largest organizations of youth baseball on the Peninsula."

Under various names, a Carmel youth baseball league has existed for 40 years, according to Johnston. Last year, 400 kids participated; this year, the board hopes to bump that number to at least 450.

Following registration Jan. 4 and 8, players' skill levels will be evaluated in January.

"We look at each kid for about an hour, and the coaches evaluate their ability to run, throw and hit," Johnston said.

Players are drafted by the appropriate teams in early February, and practices begin soon after.

The season opens March 8 and runs through Memorial Day, though tournaments and the World Series extend well into summer.

Johnston said the organization takes advantage of the Peninsula's temperate climate to keep kids playing and practicing baseball as much as possible throughout the year.

Games are played at Larson Field near the Carmel Mission, De Dampierre Park in Carmel Valley (the location of all Shetland games) and the Pony field behind Carmel Middle School.

Registration will be held in the cafeteria at Carmel Middle School on Tuesday, Jan. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (831) 625-1626.

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THE DUMP is no place for old Christmas trees, so the Monterey Regional Waste Management District is encouraging Peninsula residents to recycle theirs.

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Trees can also be dropped in the dumpster in the Forest Theater parking lot, the corporation yard at 4005 Sunridge in Pebble Beach, across from the Seaside Post Office on Broadway, or in the bin at the dump at 14201 Del Monte Blvd. in Marina.

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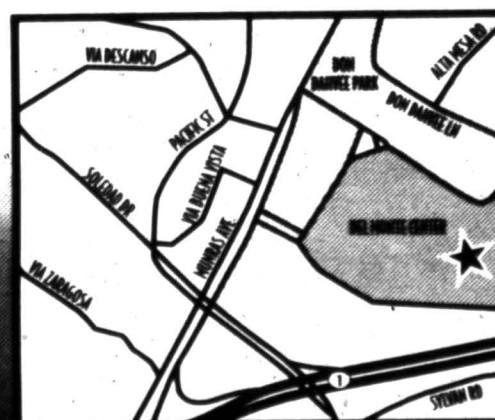
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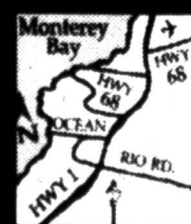
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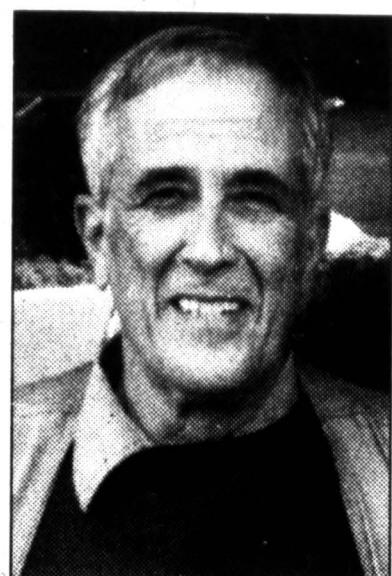
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Michael Saso to head dept. of religious studies in Macao

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

CARMEL AUTHOR Father Michael Saso, a local Roman Catholic priest, has been appointed chairman of the department of religious studies at the International University Institute of Macao. The university is privately funded by Macao, Catholic Jesuits and the Portuguese government.

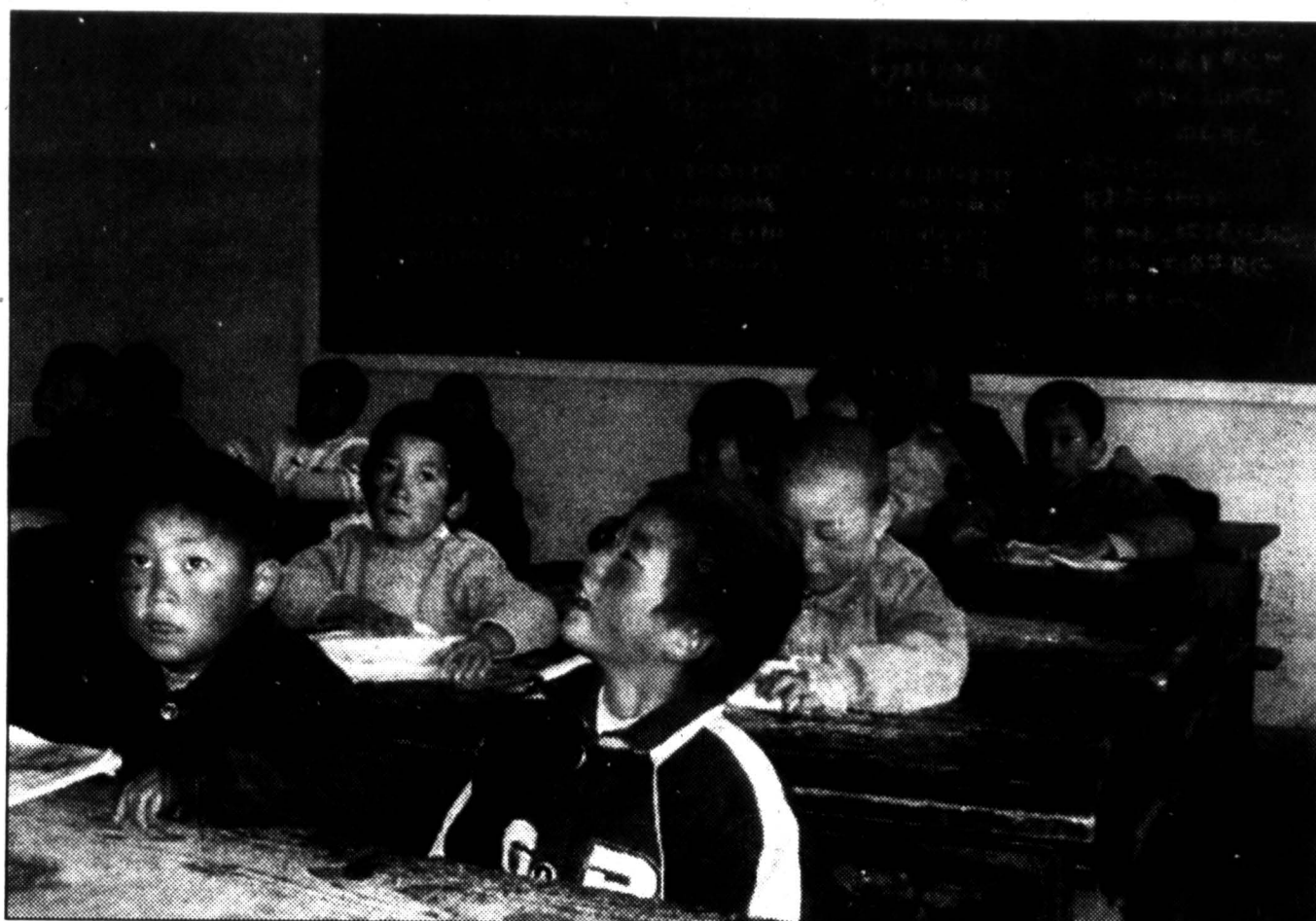


Michael Saso

His appointment came through the recommendation of the Macau Ricci Institute, a research foundation which continues friendly relations between Chinese and Western cultures begun by Matteo Ricci — one of the earliest members of the Society of Jesus — in the 16th century.

Saso looks forward to his new position, but is concerned with the fate of his 5,500 book reference library at his residence in Hacienda Carmel. He is looking for a safe foster home for them, considering either the Jesuit-run University of San Francisco or the University of Santa Clara.

Michael Saso raised funds to build two schools for Tibetan orphans and is currently working on a third in Yushu.



With deep roots in Carmel, Saso wrote his many scholarly books in the family's Sea Urchin cottage on Scenic Road, during summer breaks from Yale University in the 1960s, while his parents lived in Periwinkle, the cottage next door.

For the past five years Saso has been an adjunct professor in World Language and Culture at CSUMB and conducted trips for students to Tibet twice yearly, arranged for the building of schools in Northern and Eastern Tibet, and started another in Yushu, which will be completed next year.

Father Saso helped with Christmas services at St. Angela Church in Pacific Grove, his home parish, before returning to Macao. He will begin his new position in late January.

As head of the department of religion, he will institute a course of studies leading to a Ph.D. in Religion for Peace. "Students with masters degrees who need a Ph. D. in World Religions will be the prime beneficiaries of the program," Father Saso said. "There are many academic jobs available to them in the teaching field. Students must be able to dialogue in intra-religions in all four fields: Christian, Buddhist, Islamic and Taoist."

His will be a nomadic position: He will teach in English and Chinese and will conduct seminars not only in Macao and Beijing, but at Zen retreats in Kyoto, Japan. He will also teach Tibetan Tantric practice in Honolulu in English, Islamic Studies in Bangkok and Malaysia, and Sufi Islamic studies from inside China. He will conduct study seminars in Hong Kong, Lhasa, Kyoto and Honolulu.

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SNOWY PLOVERS CAUGHT IN LOCAL LAND USE BATTLE

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is again trying to designate vast stretches of the California coast as "critical habitat" for the Western snowy plover.

An earlier critical habitat designation was withdrawn after a 2002 lawsuit challenging it was filed by the Pacific Legal Foundation on behalf of local governments and recreational vehicle users who said Californians would lose the use of their beaches.

This time, the fish and wildlife service has an unlikely ally in El Sur Ranch owner James Hill of Big Sur, who is suing California State Parks over a public access plan that he said will threaten the endangered bird.

For those unfamiliar with snowy plovers, they're small, they're cute, and they're hard to find. Their dwindling number has set the birds on a collision

course with local land use politics. The critical question: What effect will the federal designation of critical habitat have on public and private development in Monterey County?

Proponents claim it will be negligible; private property owners fear otherwise.

Included in the new proposed habitat are over 1,000 acres in Monterey County.

No legal teeth?

David Pereksta, an assistant field supervisor for the fish and wildlife service, said the designation will not affect private property owners.

"There are no legal teeth behind it," Pereksta said. "The designation would not create a refuge. It places no burden on private property owners. It only places a burden on federal agencies."

Pereksta said the designation brings much-needed

attention to the plight of the plover.

"The greatest benefit of the designation is it raises the public's awareness," he said.



A plan by state parks to allow public access to a beach near Point Sur could threaten the endangered snowy plover, opponents claim.

BIG SUR

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Electric Company appreciate the independence and resilience of Big Sur locals. The utility company services about 14 million people throughout a 70,000-square-mile service area in northern and central California that includes the northern half of the Big Sur coast. When power goes out anywhere, PG&E is deluged with complaints, but not from the patient people of Big Sur.

"They have made a conscious decision to live in Big Sur and realize what we face trying to maintain electricity," said Jeff Smith, PG&E spokesperson.

Power poles cling to steep hillsides for about 35 miles south of Carmel, bringing electricity to the small rural hamlets that dot the coastline and its canyons. High winds and top-heavy trees are the greatest threat to

the power lines that hang precariously over the landscape.

"If a tree gets tangled up in one of our transmission lines, it can knock out power to the whole area," Smith said. "It's a challenge for our guys to fix the lines because it's very risky terrain."

Smith said his agency is determined to keep power on in Big Sur.

"In the summer, we have a vegetation management team that identifies problem trees," he said. "We try to trim just enough so that falling trees or limbs won't damage our lines in a storm."

Tree trimmers walk a fine line in Big Sur, Smith said.

"Our challenge is to satisfy residents with dependable power without changing the environment that made them want to move to Big Sur in the first place," he said. "It's a challenging dance to do."

"It identifies what is required for the conservation of a species."

But Larry Horan, an attorney representing Hill in his lawsuit against California State Parks, believes the designation will indeed burden private property owners.

"Anytime someone seeks to do something that requires a permit, then the reviewing agency may require endangered species assessments in order to determine whether the permit applicant is required to mitigate," Horan said.

So indirectly, the critical habitat designation can stop the development of private property.

"In some instances, mitigation means unless you can get a 'take' permit [to kill an endangered plant or animal] for what you want to do, you can't do what you want to do," Horan said.

What Hill wants to do is stop state parks from providing public access to beaches that attorney Mark Blum called, "the most significant snowy plover habitat on the coast." Hill's action is unusual because, in a more

typical scenario, the snowy plover's habitat is threatened by a private landowner and a government agency steps in to save the endangered bird.

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In 1997, Hill received \$11.5 million in tax money to place about 3,000 acres of his ranch into a scenic easement. He has been known to actively protect his property from trespassing sightseers. Now he is objecting to a plan by his next door neighbor, the Point Sur State Historic Park, to provide limited public access to the beach.

Another Hill attorney, Aengus Jeffers, said the beach, which is a breeding ground for the endangered plover, is "best seen and left undisturbed" by the public.

"The snowy plover really tests the sincerity of state parks as a steward of our public land," Jeffers said. "The breeding of the snowy plovers conflicts with our use of beaches and open space. It forces the public to measure what is really important."

PIGS

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soccer goals, backs up against the lagoon, which is prime habitat for the pigs, descendants of animals imported to Carmel Valley for hunting 80 years ago.

Although the field is fenced, the pigs tunneled their way inside. A thick carpet of kikuyu grass awaited them, which they promptly demolished. Marden was unable to put a price-tag on the damage, nor think of an effective deterrent since the pigs are adept at tunneling and can undo new landscaping in one night.

Despite their destructive tendencies, the pigs have their defenders.

"Me and a lot of my friends around here disagree with killing them," said Karen Atkinson of Carmel. "I just saw two adults and five little babies running around down there in the meadow by the river and I don't think they should be killed. They're little souls and they deserve to live. It's not their fault because somebody's lawn got dug up. I don't have a problem with them."

Kenneth DeLuca of Carmel would like to see the pigs relocated.

"These animals have been here in California longer than 90 percent of the humans," DeLuca said. "I have a lot of sympathy for them. If they were transported to a wilderness area, the environmental impact would be minimal. I'd be delighted if these people would just take them down the coast and leave them to the fate of nature."

Unfortunately, relocating the pigs is not practical, said Dave Fox, California Fish and Game lieutenant.

"Many people have the false impression that there's a place to take them, but there isn't," Fox said. "They cause problems wherever they are."

Fox said wilderness land is inappropriate for pigs because they favor low-lying areas with lots of moisture. Also, wherever they might be relocated, they would be competing against other animals for food.

Relocating the pigs to ranchland is not a solution, either.

"Most ranchers would say, 'I don't want them. I'll just shoot them,'" Fox said. "We'd be sending them to their execution."

Fox said another argument against relocation is the fact that pigs are known to carry diseases, including tuberculosis, brucellosis and pseudorabies.

"Our vets go crazy when people talk of relocation," he said. "You're messing with Mother Nature."

Euthanizing the pigs is simply "the most humane thing to do," Fox said.

Dave Schaechtele, spokesman for California State Parks, said the pigs could jeopardize the Carmel Lagoon expansion project. State Parks plans to establish 50,000 plants a year for the next three years, starting in January.

"We really have to focus on the success of the project," Schaechtele said.

"The pigs are non-native and they cause so much destruction that only non-natives plants and weeds will survive. If we just left the pigs alone and let nature take its course, we would have an overpopulation problem."

The pig eradication program is underway and officials hope to achieve a significant reduction in their population by mid-January.

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'Gruff elder statesman' leaves mark as fireman, burger joint owner — and Santa

By MARY BROWNFIELD

JIM KELSEY, former Rinky Dink restaurant owner, lifelong Carmelite and the fire department's longest serving volunteer, died Christmas Day. He was 79.

"I always referred to him as the ultimate volunteer, because when the rest of us were trying to work our way into the paid department, Jim had no interest in that at all," said Bill Hill, who started as a Carmel Fire volunteer fire-fighter in 1964 and retired as chief 37 years later. Mr. Kelsey volunteered for 41 years, unfailingly attending training and responding to calls.

"He was a father figure to an awful lot of people, whether they liked it or not," Hill continued, describing Mr. Kelsey as "the gruff elder statesman in the group" who worked tirelessly to promote CFD projects and fundraisers.

"He was Santa Claus for the department's kids' party for years and years," Hill added.

Mr. Kelsey loved Christmas, according to grandson Josh "J.J." Kelsey, 32, who as a teenager also volunteered with Carmel Fire.

"He just loved life," Kelsey said. "He had a zest for life, which a lot of people don't have."

An avid hunter who was a member of the Carmel Valley and Hollister gun clubs, Mr. Kelsey often took his grandson on trips to hunt ducks, doves and pheasants. It was during those times together that J.J. acquired the knowledge that would lead him to own and run two pest control businesses.

Mr. Kelsey's discipline also rubbed off on his grandson, who applies it to his work.

"He was really strict with me and was always letting me know who was boss," he said. "My grandmother [Frankie, his wife of 59 years] once said he was the best husband a woman could ever have."

"He had a way with his gruff voice: 'I'm in charge. You need to listen to me,' and deep down inside, he had the biggest heart," he continued.

Born on Feb. 13, 1925, Mr. Kelsey graduated from Carmel High School and was known for attending every football game between 1958 to 1983, even though he did not play the sport as a student. He helped form the Boosters Club and built the snack bar at the football field.

The Rinky Dink

After working as a Carmel police officer

for three years, Mr. Kelsey opened one of the most popular burger joints in town — the Rinky Dink — across the street from the Carmel Fire Station on Jan. 25, 1955.

"I remember going into the Rinky Dink and being so little that he'd put me on the counter, and I felt like one of the guys,"

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Jim Kelsey

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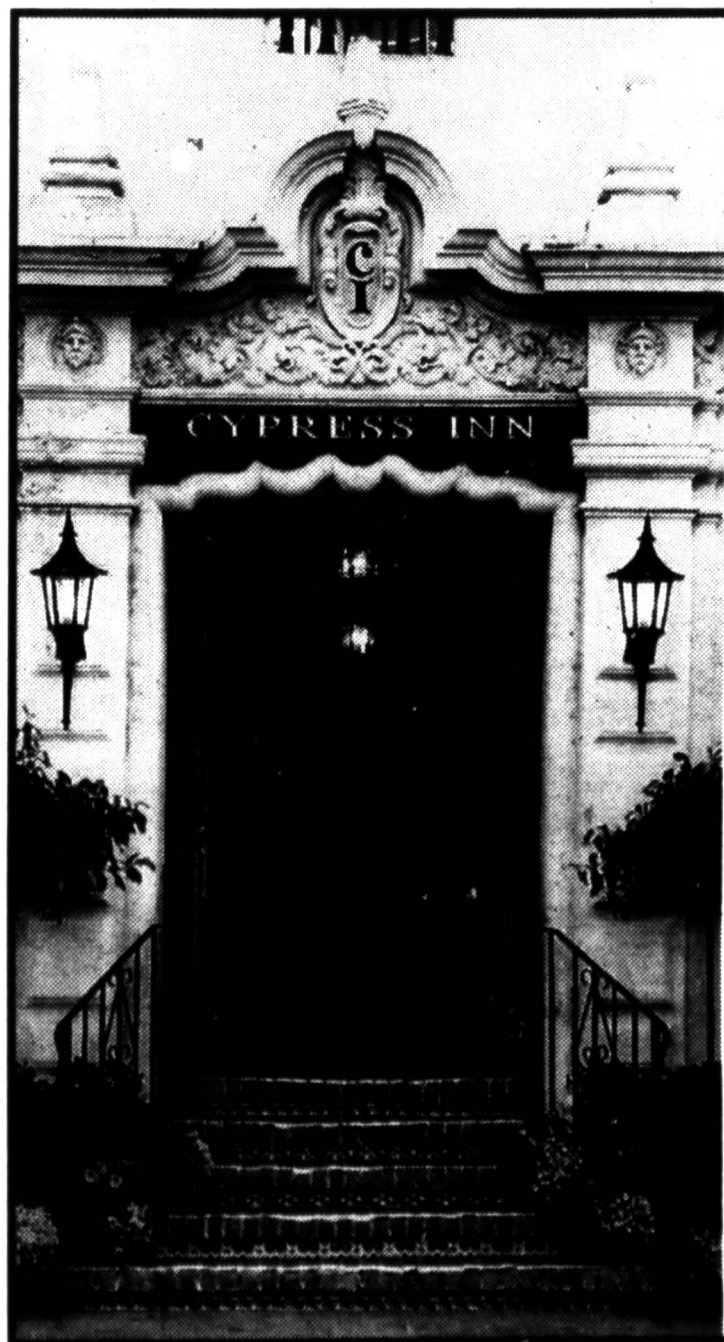
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tom Williams, 2004 CCC President
"What's good for business is good for Carmel"

2004 PROVED TO BE AN EXCITING AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR

As the year draws to a close I reflect on the past 12 months and what it has meant to me to be your president this year. You, the membership, have helped to make this a very memorable year for me. We have been able to accomplish so much. Our board of directors has worked together in a way that can only be described as superb. The team, including the membership, created a new web site, which has already generated business, sales and advertising opportunities for all of us. We have also given the office a new, more updated look and will shortly create a new visitor's center below.

This, and so much more, has made my year as president one I will always remember. I am also looking forward to the things we will accomplish in the future. Our position in the business community has never been more clearly defined. We have taken the lead in economic development in Carmel and have are beginning to find our voice in the political arena. Over the year we have extended the hand of collaboration and found many willing and accomplished partners. As we move into the New Year I know we will continue to expand the frontiers of our efforts.

We are always interested in your input and observations. Please email me, tom@hale-williams.com or telephone the chamber office, 624-2522, with your comments. Thanks for your support.

JANUARY CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

FAREWELL TO SAKS!

My first official act as the 2005 Chairman of the Board of this chamber is to say thank you to our friends and my former colleagues at Saks Fifth Avenue for their many years of loyal service to our business community: many served for several decades. More than one general manager over the years served on our board of directors giving generously of their time and skill.

In my eight year tenure with Saks I worked alongside seasoned and committed professionals and I enjoyed serving some of the most wonderful customers in my 25 year career in retail: loyal, charming and extremely supportive of Saks in Carmel: many of these clients are residents.

The business and residential community alike will deeply miss the little store that earned the coveted and prestigious company honor of "Chairman's Award", raised thousands of dollars locally to fight breast cancer, donated literally hundreds of gift baskets and goodie bags to countless charity organizations and burned up the runway for the Lexus fashion show at Pebble Beach.

It is fitting that January traditionally is a time of resolutions and new beginnings. For the many individuals in this store that must now start their own new beginnings, do so with the pride of a job well done.

Maria Murray
 2005 Chairman of the Board
 Carmel Chamber of Commerce

(Maria Murray can be reached at Buon Giorno Bakery Cafe, located on Junipero between 5th & 6th in Carmel. (831) 624-0221 or send an e-mail response to mariamurray1@aol.com. We encourage feedback.)

JANUARY MIXER

Join us at our January mixer at
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 Ocean Ave btwn Mission & San Carlos
Wednesday, January 12
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 Pacific Repertory, 622-0100
- 01/01-01/04 Carmel Art Association Annual
 Miniature Show, 831-624-6176
- 01/01-01/04 Carmel Art Association Gallery
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- 01/01 Annual Rio Grill Resolution Run Rio Grill
 Carmel, Crossroads. 831-644-2427
- 01/06 CCC Member Orientation, 8:00 a.m.
 Carmel Bistro, San Carlos btwn 5th & 6th.
 831-624-2522.
- 01/15 Pacific Repertory Theater Open Auditions,
 Golden Bough Theater. 831-622-0100
- 01/15 Eat for Energy, myomplace, 831-251-0045.
- 01/16-01/17 Monterey Symphony Concert III,
 Sunset Cultural Center. 831-624-8511.
- 01/16 Women's Bodies: Wild & Wise - Return to
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- 01/21 Mozart Society of California,
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- 01/25 California Theater Center, Harry the Dirty
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- 01/27 National Acrobats of Taiwan, R.O.C.,
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- 01/29 Natalie MacMaster, Sunset Cultural Center,
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Looking for a part time computer savvy admin assistant to work at the Carmel Chamber of Commerce Monday-Fridays 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Must know excel, word, publisher and outlook. Knowledge of Carmel helpful. Please pick up an application at the chamber office located on San Carlos between 5th & 6th (next to the Hogs Breath, upstairs).

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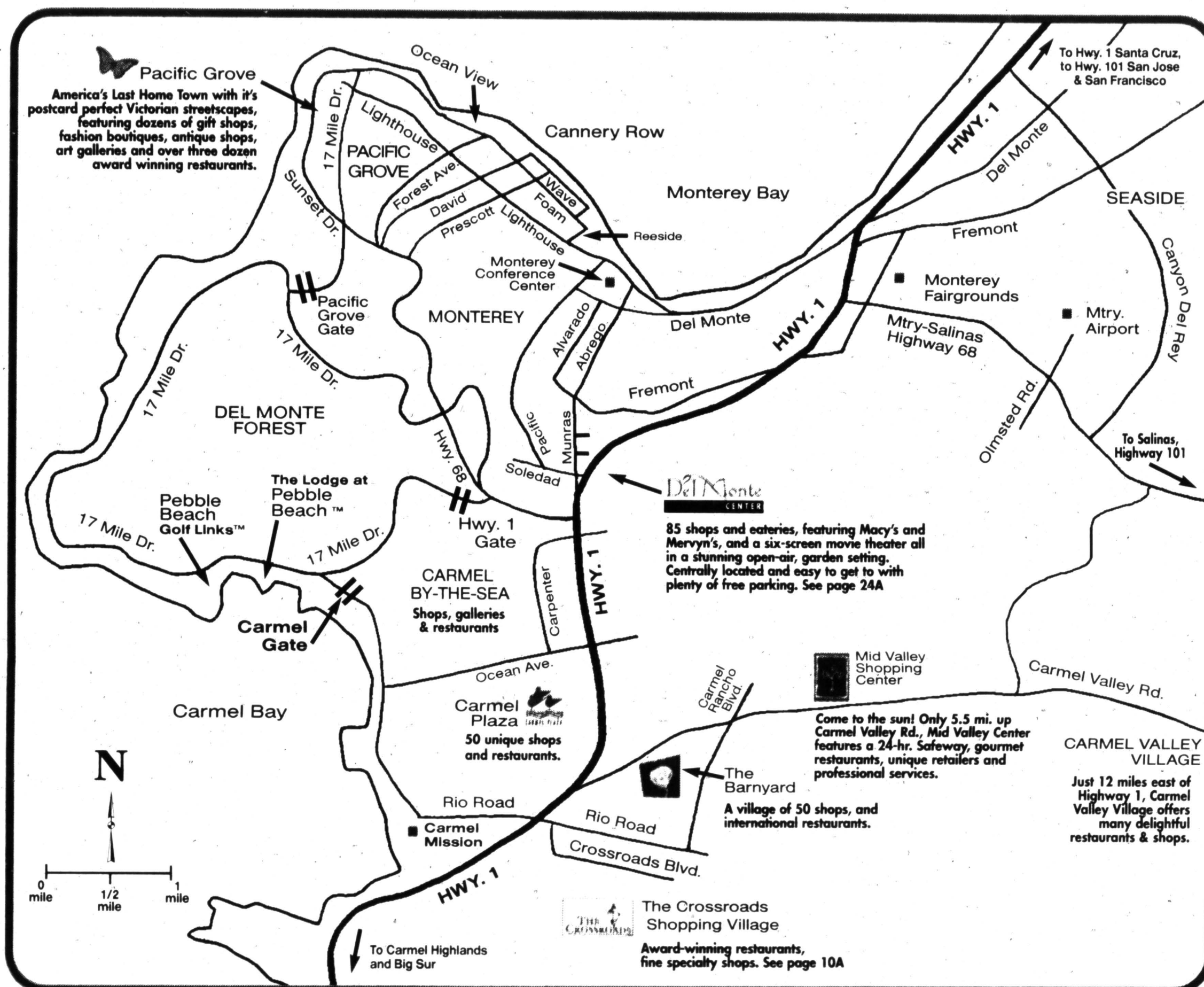


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Carmel Art Association plans special sale

MEMBER ARTISTS of the Carmel Art Association will be offering work in a variety of media at greatly reduced prices during the "Wall of Opportunity" show.

The nonprofit gallery will conduct this sale from Jan. 5 through Feb. 2.

The show will be featured on the south

wall of the gallery's Segal Room. This is the second year the CAA will present this special show.

The Carmel Art Association is on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. To learn more, call (831) 624-6176 or visit www.carmelart.org.

'Rave On' the new year



WHAT: Rock out the old and "Rave On" the New Year with Pacific Repertory Theatre during its special New Year's Eve celebration with a tribute concert to Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper, Ritchie Valens and other 1950s artists. The celebration begins with a strolling dinner catered by Kurt Grasing. Dancing on stage with the performers and a DJ, spinning discs follows the show.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31

WHERE: Golden Bough Playhouse, Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth, Carmel

COST: \$125

INFO/RESERVATIONS: (831) 622-0100

Tickets available for 'A Village Affair'

THE SETTING is Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley for the 16th annual "A Village Affair," to take place Monday, Jan. 17.

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Tickets go on sale Jan. 3 at the Carmel Valley Market, Carmel Valley Business Service, UPS Store at Mid-Valley, and First National Bank on Carmel Rancho Boulevard at the mouth of the valley.

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WHEN: 3 p.m. to midnight Friday, Dec. 31

WHERE: More than 40 performance sites, "rain or shine," in downtown Monterey

COST: Admission buttons are \$15; children 5 and under admitted free

INFO/RESERVATIONS: Buttons are on sale at local Safeway and Longs Drugs stores. Bookworks in Pacific Grove, Bay Books Monterey, or during the celebration at the booth on Alvarado Street across from Oradway pharmacy, Monterey

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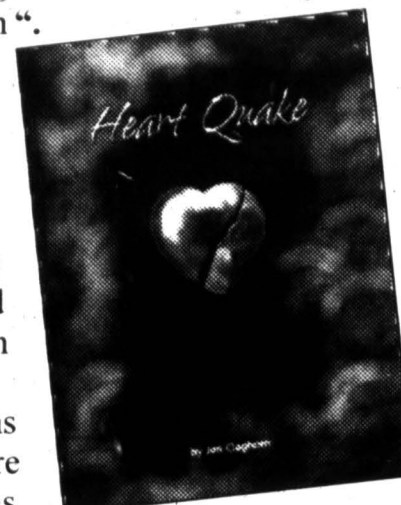
Monica Hudson, who wrote the book and gathered photos of Point Lobos for Arcadia, is now researching Carmel-by-the-Sea, and is sending out a call for early photographs. If you have any you'd been willing to let her borrow, contact Hudson at (831) 624-1010.

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TWO LOCAL poets brought in their first published books of poetry for review: **Jim Claghorn** with "Heart Quake," and **Nikolas Mastropavlos** with "...by the string of my rope..."

Jim Claghorn is a doctor of veterinary medicine who has been practicing on the Monterey Peninsula for 20 years. He has a lot of heart, and it comes through nicely in "Heart Quake."

Claghorn believes emotions are catalysts to actions more often than conscious decisions. His poems explore the "emotion-



al inscape of consciousness" by which we live. He considers to be heroes those who persist in a search for self-knowledge and "the willingness to be vulnerable to love and its healing graces."

In "Pick a Spot," the poet and his dog go for a hike up a demanding trail where "my quest/ is for a handhold in this tug of war... / A better grip." And later, "we are all just pinpoints/ until you connect the dots."

Claghorn is comfortable with the uncomfortable aspects of life, and expresses them with ease: In a poem that finds him going to church on Sunday morning, he writes, "You lean forward, assume the position, and renew your affair/ with some casual small talk before asking/ for something you don't have... yet."

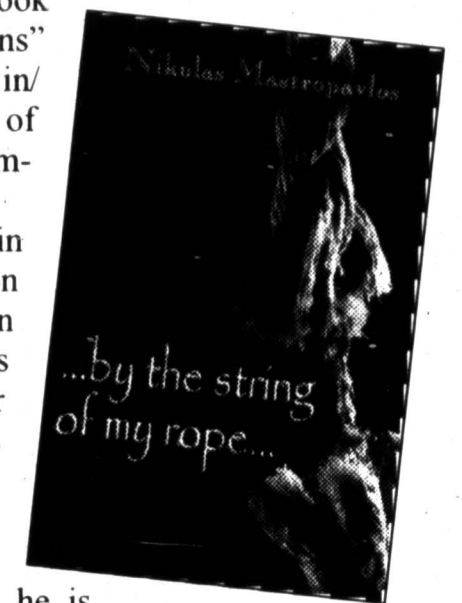
Claghorn asks the reader to read his poems and "relax into them." Do just that; they are perfectly accessible words from a poet who reflects on the most searing aspects of life.

"Heart Quake" is available in hardcover at local bookstores and retails for \$19.95.

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NIKOLAS MASTROPAVLOS' book of poems contains some beautiful phrases: "A parade of jesters/ A festival of thieves" — "Feather pillows took Priority/ Not injured pelicans" — and "Doors open stealthy in/ A time warp to see/ The light of a common charm/ The blooming of a smile."

Mastropavlos was born in Crete, Greece, in 1973, the son of a Greek fisherman and an American mother. He, his mother, sister and brother moved to the United States after his father's death; he attended Monterey High and later married. Here now for 14 years, Mastropavlos says he is influenced by Neruda, Hemingway, Kazantzakis and Jim Morrison.



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By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

IF YOU kept up your 2004 resolutions, you probably made reservations for New Year's Eve festivities weeks ago. If not, at least you can read about the feasts others will be enjoying tonight or perhaps pattern your own *chez toi* dinner after them:

Chef Brandon Miller of **Stokes Restaurant & Bar**, Monterey, will be heralding in 2005 with a set four-course dinner beginning with an *amuse bouche* of buckwheat blinis with housemade *crème fraîche* and caviar.

Thereafter, choices of warm Brussels sprouts salad with Niman Ranch guanciale (pork cheeks), grilled mango marinated and skewered prime tri-tip, Chioggia beet *carpaccio* (that's not a misprint; "carpaccio" indicates the organic Watsonville beets are sliced very thinly indeed). Choices continue with diver sea scallop and Prince Edward Island mussel fricassee with salsify, prime rib steak with horseradish, or wood oven-baked Monterey Bay petrale sole with white wine risotto and Périgord black truffles.

Dessert is spiced pears over cinnamon *crème fettuccini* with fermented fruit brandy Poire William butter and *crème anglaise*.

Prix fixe (optional) for this sumptuous dinner is a nominal \$46 per person excluding beverage, tax and gratuity. For information, call (831) 373-1110.



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The New Year's repast begins with Carmel Valley greens with raspberry vinaigrette, candied walnuts, cranberries and goat cheese, followed by a shrimp cocktail with calypso sauce. A choice of entrées follows: prime rib of beef *au jus* with horseradish sauce, or grilled mahi-mahi with mango salsa. Dessert is fresh berries Romanoff. For information, call (831) 626-3779.



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SHINICHI YAMADA, owner and sushi chef of the relocated and recently opened **Akaoni** (The Red Mask) sushi and Japanese restaurant, has moved from Dolores and Fifth, to Mission and Sixth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Hours are 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. for dinner only, Tuesday and Wednesday; and Thursday through Sunday it's open for lunch and dinner 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. It's closed Mondays. The menu is almost identical to that of Akaoni, the former, but at lunch, as well as donburi and noodle lunches, bento box lunches are also served.



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AMUSE BOUCHE

From page 17A

Parker, Jr., who predicts "California's Central Coast will rule America." We've said it before, Central Coast wines have come a long way, baby, during the last 10 years. Some of them are astounding. Napa and Sonoma Valley's wines must look to their laurels.



VALLEY OF The World Wine & Food Festival, put on by the Salinas Rotary for the seventh year running, will take place Jan. 21 to 29, showcasing Monterey County wines and local restaurants. The Friday, Jan. 21 kickoff is by invitation

BOOKSHELF

From page 16A

His are very personal poems to which the reader might not have the key, but others, such as "Inquisition," speak for themselves:

"What are you doing there?"

They voiced with unspecified coherence

Remotely recalling the reverberation

Of their captivity

Jealousy is not flattering

Especially for the eyes

Dare I not mention the name

only at Tehama for a reserve wine and appetizer pairing to jazz, and a viewing of Richard McDonald sculptures.

Saturday, Jan. 22 will find Steve Pessagno conducting a wine and appetizer pairing seminar from 6 to 8 p.m. at A Taste of Monterey, 127 Main St., Salinas. Tickets are \$65 in advance or \$75 at the door.

Six o'clock winemaker's dinners (\$75 a person, limited seating at each venue) will be held in Salinas from Jan. 26 to 28 at six restaurants: **Pajaro Street Grill, Salinas Valley Fish House, Hullabaloo Restaurant, Gino's Fine Italian Food, One Main Street (National Steinbeck Center) and Chapala Restaurant.**

Dinner wines will be supplied by **Wines of Carmel, Chateau Christina, Parsonage Village Vineyard, Galante,**

Of the one who could expel nouns?

Finding errors in my strategy

Condemning the length of my words

My sentences and paragraphs

What were they looking for anyway?

"... by the string of my rope ..." is available in softcover at local bookstores.



A **CHILDREN'S book drop** at Harrison Memorial Library's **Park Branch**, Mission at Sixth, was installed this week in the parking lot east of the library in back of Piatti Ristorante. Drive into the library's parking lot from Mission and follow it around to the annex parking lot, where you can place your books in the drop without having to leave your

Diva Cellars, Carmichael Vintners, Bernardus Vineyards & Winery, Paraiso Vineyards, Scheid Vineyards and Ventana Vineyards.

The grand finale, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, will take place at the National Steinbeck Center, incorporating a tasting of Monterey County wines, food from local restaurants, a silent auction, entertainment, and a viewing of the Valley of the World agricultural wing at the center. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$75 at the door.

For details, call (831) 595-3341, for tickets, call (831) 775-4721 or visit the website at www.salinasrotary.org.



What's Happening

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EXPERT ON Palestine to speak: Glenn Robinson, professor of defense analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School, will speak at a luncheon sponsored by the World Affairs Council on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at La Playa Hotel, Carmel. Professor Robinson has recently returned from an extended stay in the West Bank and will discuss the upcoming Palestinian presidential election. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. The cost is \$28 for members and \$30 for non-members. Please call (831) 643-1855 to make a reservation by Jan. 13.

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SUMMONS
CASE NUMBER: 04C01498
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
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The name and address of the court is: **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
One Regent Street
Limited Civil Jurisdiction
Inglewood, CA 90301-1295

The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

A. LYSA SIMON,
Bar Number 94884
17134 Devonshire St., Suite 202
Northridge, CA 91325

Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual defendant. CCP 416.90 (individual).

Date: June 25, 2004
(s) John A. Clark, Clerk
by Sue Lilo, Deputy
Publication Dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC 1208)

SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M72174

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner VALERIE P. SIGALA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A Present name: SWEETIE AALIYAH NICOLE RESENDEZ
Proposed name: SWEETIE AALIYAH NICOLE FUENTES

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: January 14, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 5, 2004

Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1209)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042837. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ELLEN ACRES**, 3912 Rondo Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. **SUZANNE ELLEN THOMAS**, 3912 Rondo Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business

is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Dec. 1, 2004. (s) Suzanne Thomas. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 2, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1210)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042804. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **1. THE COUNTRY STORE, 2. JSM DESIGN**

8562 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. **RICHARDSON S. MUMFORD**, 8562 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. **JANINE S. MUMFORD**, 8562 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Nov. 30, 2004. (s) Richardson S. Mumford. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 30, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1211)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042821. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **DUMONT PROPERTIES**, 2959 Cormorant Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953. **DUMONT PROPERTIES, INC.**, CALIFORNIA, 2959 Cormorant Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2005 (s) Carina Dumont, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 1, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1212)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042867. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **5% REAL ESTATE COMPANY**, West side of Dolores between 5th & 6th upstairs, P.O. Box 6292, Carmel, CA 93921. **CATHERINE THOMPSON**, 35589 Texas Flatline Rd., Coarsegold, CA 93614. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 7, 2004 (s) Catherine Thompson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 7, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1213)

SUMMONS
CASE NUMBER: M 67460
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
KIM MAUREN MITCHELL;
and DAVID L. MITCHELL;
and DOES 1 to 10;
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

ANTONIO CRICELLI;
and NINA WILCOX

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There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

The name and address of the court is: **MONTEREY SUPERIOR COURT**
1200 Aguajito Road
Monterey, California 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

Robert E. Rosenthal (Bar #67343)
BOHNNEN, ROSENTHAL &
DUSENBURY

555 Abrego Street, 2nd Floor
Monterey, California 93940
(831) 649-5551
Fax (831) 649-0272
Date: Oct. 22, 2003

(s) Sherri L. Pedersen, Clerk
by Regina Pak, Deputy
Publication Dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC 1215)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042768. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CASTLE COASTAL VINEYARDS**, 3265 W. Figarden Drive, Fresno, California 93710. **ARROYO SECO VINEYARD, LLC, CALIFORNIA**, 3265 W. Figarden Drive, Fresno, California 93710. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 15, 1999. (s) Russell Matsumoto, Agent. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 22, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1216)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ARTHUR ROSENTHAL
Case No. MP17418

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ARTHUR ROSENTHAL. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Marilyn Rosenwein in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Marilyn Rosenwein be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 14, 2005 at 10:30 AM in Dept. No. 14 located at 1200 AGUAJITO RD., MONTEREY CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to it, granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
MITCHELL GASWIRTH ESQ
PROSKAUER ROSE LLP
2049 CENTURY PARK E
STE 3200
LOS ANGELES CA 90067
Carmel Pine Cone
CN716207 ROSENTHAL
Dec 17, 24, 31, 2004
Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1214)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042898. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **(1) WISDOM WISDOM**, 4000 Rio Rd. #21 (P.O. Box 223002 Carmel, CA 93922), Carmel, CA 93923.

GILBERT FAY WISDOM, 4000 Rio Rd. #21, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2004 (s) Gilbert Fay Wisdom. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 10, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2004 & Jan. 7, 2005. (PC1217)

SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M72463.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A Present name: DONALD R. CAPPARIS
Proposed name: DONALD R. CAPPARIS

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Jan. 14, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 8, 2004.

Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2004 & Jan. 7, 2005. (PC1218)

SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

DECLARATION AND REQUEST
FOR PUBLICATION OF SUM-
MONS AND PETITION; ORDER
CASE NO. DR42365

SANDRA A. RICKS, Petitioner
vs. MAURICE RICKS, Respondent

I, the undersigned, declare:
I am the Plaintiff in the above-entitled action.

Respondent and I separated November 1999. After returning home on November 18, 1999, I discovered our apartment was completely empty. Respondent was unemployed so I had no employer to call. I received a call from a friend of Respondents who informed me that Respondent had moved to Arkansas. I called every phone number that I knew of in Arkansas however everyone that I talked to has told me that they had not seen him. I had someone do an internet search however no information was found. I have not been able to locate Respondent for the past five years.

I do not desire to wait until which time Respondent returns to continue with my divorce and my life. I request that the court grant my request for publication so that I may move on with my life.

I request that proof of service of the summons be allowed by publication in The Carmel Pine Cone.

Dated: September 29, 2004
(s)Petitioner: In Pro Per, Sandra A. Ricks.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 7, 2004.

(s) Lisa M. Galdos, Clerk,
(s) J. Villanueva, Deputy
Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2004 & Jan. 7, 2005. (PC1219)

SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M72472.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: ANNE MARIE PAPINEAU and SAMIR ABDEL RAHMAN ABOUD petitioners, filed a petition with this court for a

decree changing names as follows:

A Present name: LAITH ADRIAN PAPINEAU-ABBOUD
Proposed name: LAITH ADRIAN ABOUD

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: January 21, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Hon. Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 9, 2004.

Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2004 & Jan. 7, 2005. (PC1220)

SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M70696.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner ANGEL MANUEL VELAZQUEZ HERNANDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A Present name: ANGEL MANUEL VELAZQUEZ HERNANDEZ
Proposed name: ANGEL MIGUEL FLORES HERNANDEZ

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: January 28, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 2, 2004.

Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 2004, Jan. 7, 14, 2005. (PC1221)

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 20041472. The following person, **BRAD PHILIPBAR**, has withdrawn as a general partner from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of **FINE JEWELRY PHOTOGRAPHY** at 136 El Hemmaro, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on June 18, 2004 in the county of Monterey. The full name and residence of the person withdrawing as a partner: **BRAD PHILIPBAR**, 26461 Mission Fields, Carmel, CA 93923. (s) Brad Philipbar. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 2004 & Jan. 7, 14, 2005. (PC1222)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042973. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CARMEL VALLEY MANOR**, 8545 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL RETIREMENT HOMES, INC.**, 8545 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1963 (s) James R. Valentine, Executive Director & Asst. Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on

Dec. 20, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 2004 & Jan. 7, 14, 2005. (PC1223)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, on Wednesday, January 12, 2005. The public hearings will be opened at 4:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. Following a staff report on the project, the applicant and all interested members of the public will be allowed to speak or offer written testimony. Decisions to approve or deny the project may be appealed to the City Council by filing a written notice of appeal with the office of the City Clerk within ten (10) working days following the date of action by the Planning Commission and paying a \$265.00 appeal fee as established by the City Council. For those projects listed as appealable to the California Coastal Commission, appeals may be filed directly with the Coastal Commission for no fee, by filing a written notice of appeal with the Coastal Commission's Central Coast office in Santa Cruz. Such appeals must be filed within ten working days of the Coastal Commission's receipt of the City's Final Local Action Notice.

If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

1. *CP 04-6

Application date: 12/09/04
Kevin Riches
E/S San Antonio bet 9th & 10th
Block V, Lot 8

Consideration of a Coastal Development Permit for the Demolition of an existing residence and the construction of a new residence located in the Single Family Residential (R-1) District and the Beach and Riparian (BR) Overlay District. *Project is appealable to the California Coastal Commission. (All projects within City limits are located in the Coastal Zone).

Date of Publication: December 31, 2004

PLANNING COMMISSION
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Rhonda Ragghianti
Administrative Coordinator

Publication Dates: Dec. 31, 2004.
(PC 1225)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20043001. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **FLANDERS COURT OF CARMEL**, 25661-Morse Drive, Carmel, CA 93923. **HERMAN G. FICKIEWIRTH**, 25661 Morse Drive, Carmel, CA 93923. **MIRIAM S. FICKIEWIRTH**, 25527 Flanders Drive, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 15, 1994. (s) Herman G. Fickiewirth. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 23, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 31, 2004 and Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2005. (PC1226)

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TOT

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\$261,810 would have gone toward the annual Capital Improvement Program (three-fourths of 1 percent), and \$87,270 (one-quarter of 1 percent) would have helped fund tourism promotion.

Because the TOT increase initiative was brought to the council as a result of a petition drive, the council either had to approve the ordinance as written, or let voters decide. It could not change any of the provisions, including the specific allocations and the lack of a sunset date.

Guillen recommended the council put the measure on the ballot.

"We can't change a comma, let alone substance, or allocation, or anything," Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud observed.

City attorney Don Freeman told the council that because the proposed tax increase has no expiration date, once it is approved by two-thirds of the voters, it would take another election to repeal it.

Chamber, hoteliers opposed

Robert Little, whose family has owned and operated the Carmel Sands Lodge since 1957, said his guests often ask how much the tax is on the rooms. He worried the increase could affect business and suggested the city find another income source.

"This is a heck of a burden," he said. "If the city needs that money, it's time for some creative thinking."

'This is a heck

of a burden.'

— Robert Little

LAGOON

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began to flow to the Pacific Ocean.

Supervisor Dave Potter, who also observed the channel opening, said new protocols used this year would help protect juvenile steelhead trout from being swept out to sea as the lagoon emptied. County bulldozers, which began work before dawn Thursday, cut the artificial channel in a wide arc. "The idea is to keep the water from flowing too fast," Potter said.

Every winter for at least 40 years — except during periods of extreme drought — the county has opened the lagoon to the sea to protect homes in a low-lying neighborhood on its north shore. Four years ago, U.S. wildlife officials ordered the bulldozers not to open the lagoon — insisting that it be allowed to breach "naturally" to protect the fish. As a result, several homes flooded that year.

Heavy rains, not much wind

Thursday's heavy downpours caused some local flooding, including homes in the area of Carpenter and Second, and several city streets. Fallen trees caused power outages and blocked Carpenter Street, the main artery out of the north end of town, for about an hour. Outside the city, branches fell on power lines and a fallen tree chipped outbuildings in the Highlands.

Carmel Chamber of Commerce board president Tom Williams commented, "We are not happy how this has come forward. We particularly don't like the allocation of funds."

The chamber would prefer city decision makers have control over spending and said the issue should be brought to a vote rather than approved outright by the council.

Resident Vinz Koller disagreed. He doubted a few dollars more per room would scare away visitors who spend an average of \$166 per day while visiting the Peninsula.

"\$750,000 frees up some discretionary money — it gives you a lot more discretion than if you didn't have it," he said, citing the figure pitched by proponents as the additional annual revenue the tax increase would generate. "It gives \$90,000 more in tourism promotion, so it benefits everyone all around. I can't find anything wrong with it, so I hope you adopt it."

Erling Lagerholm, who serves on the Carmel Historic Resources Board, said the tax's fundamental flaw is its specific allocations.

"I would hate to have my hands in handcuffs on that particular score. The needs of the city change from time to time," he said. "I question the advisability of those allocations."

To which resident Linda Anderson responded, "With all due respect, I think you have your hands in handcuffs now because you don't have any money."

She said the allocated funds would free up other money in the budget and urged the council to adopt the tax increase.

"You have said over and over you're going to find new revenue," she said. "This is your opportunity to do that."

Take it to the polls

Given that an identical council-sponsored tax increase would have to receive approval from two-thirds of the voters before it could be imposed, councilman Mike Cunningham said ratifying a tax hike forwarded with signatures from 15 percent of the electorate would be an end-run on the state law requiring voters' super-majority approval. "We need to take this to the citizens and have them decide, and I think a polling place is the way to go." There have been problems with previous all-mail elections, such as ballots undelivered by the postal service and a private election company's use of outdated property tax records to locate voters' names and addresses.

"The safest thing to do is a traditional polling-place election," he continued. "It costs \$2,000 more, but that's a small premium to pay to make sure the election reflects the will of the voters."

With councilmen Erik Bethel and Gerard Rose absent, the council voted 3-0 in favor of putting the matter on a ballot. Members then adopted a resolution stating the election would be held sometime before April 11 — but no earlier than March 27 — and that it would be conducted at the polls. The most likely dates are March 29 and April 5.

... it benefits

everyone all

around.'

— Vinz Koller

Councilwoman Paula Hazdovac asked if the council could take a position in the ballot literature — presumably in opposition, given its previous decisions not to pursue a TOT increase and instead focus on increasing the sales tax.

Because it is a citizen-led initiative, Freeman said the council cannot use tax money to campaign against the measure, but it can send out neutral information about its pros and cons. If it takes an official stand against the tax hike at a council meeting, it is prohibited from disseminating any information to voters after that.

"The council can take a position or put out information, but it can't do both," he said. "Most often, councils wish to give out information rather than take a position."

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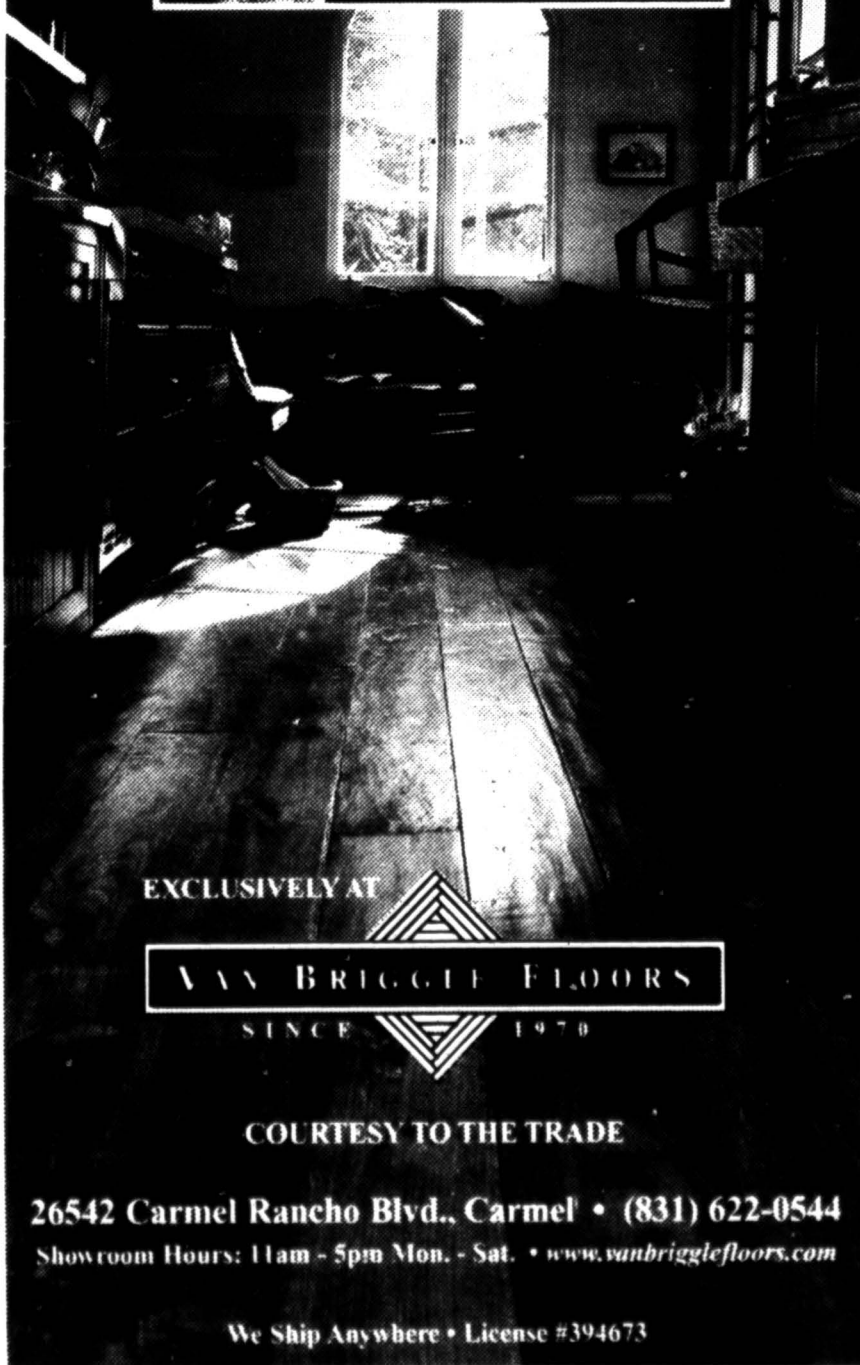
Generally, the main deed in a transaction is a trust deed or warranty deed. But there are other kinds of deeds, a quit claim among them. What does a quit claim do? It allows a person or people to declare that they make no claim of ownership to a property, including to a portion of the property whose ownership is in question, like an intruding fence. What does it not do? It does not absolve its signers of any potential liability regarding the property. For example, it doesn't eliminate all liability for co-signors on a loan secured by the property, even though it will eliminate all claims of ownership. For further details, check your legal advisor. For real estate help call Maureen at 622-2565 and visit her website at www.maureenmason.com.

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Editorial**Put the TOT issue to rest**

A VOTE of the people often isn't the best way to settle a political controversy.

Imagine what would happen at the national level, for example, if tax rates, welfare benefits and questions such as how many new aircraft carriers to buy were decided by popular election.

Just contemplating the TV ads they'd have to sit through during campaigns over such divisive issues should be enough to make anybody cringe. Elected officials who have the people's trust and the time to study minutiae are the best people to resolve such matters.

But local issues in small towns such as Carmel are different. Here, it is perfectly appropriate to ask the voters specific questions about their hometown's future. The city council is also perfectly capable of handling the myriad topics presented to them. But there's nothing wrong with asking the voters — as long as their decisions are considered *final*.

The question of increasing the TOT, for example, is not too complicated for the people of Carmel to grasp. They can make-up their own minds whether it is fair to ask visitors to bear an even greater share of the town's tax burden, and whether doing so might hurt the local economy.

But, having submitted the issue to the voters, the activists who circulated the petition advocating an increase in the TOT must respect their will. If the voters say No, the question should not be raised again for at least 10 years.

In that sense, submitting a question to the voters can be beneficial. Selling Flanders Mansion was a major issue in April's municipal election. All the candidates who wanted to sell it won, and the candidates who didn't want to sell it lost, and the sale should, therefore, proceed. But still the debate continues, fueled by the passions of a small group of people who just can't bear to see the old house go. Surely even they would have to concede if a vote of the people went against them.

So come next spring, the citizens of Carmel will decide whether visitors should pay an extra \$2 for each \$100 on their hotel bills. Whatever the voters say, everyone should be prepared to accept their resolution.

BATES

"Henry, put the map down. People will think we're tourists."

Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. The Pine Cone reserves the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication. Letters should not exceed 350 words, and must include the author's name, telephone number and street address. Please do not send us letters which have been submitted to other newspapers.

The Pine Cone is no longer able to accept letters to the editor by fax. Please submit your letters by U.S. mail, e-mail, or in person (addresses are provided below).

ADA a 'pioneering civil rights measure'

Dear Editor,

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is indeed imperfect, but the problem is not, as you suggest in your Dec. 24 editorial, with our Congressman Sam Farr.

As one who worked on Capitol Hill during its consideration, I can attest that ADA exemplifies the classic legislative compromise in which advocates for the disabled won the theoretical right to access, but business and "anti-big-government" groups successfully precluded inclusion of an enforcement mechanism.

I, too, love Casanova and Tarpy's and am appalled that certain lawyers engage in extortionist tactics to make some quick cash, but it is not a congressman's job to weigh in on individual lawsuits, and Sam Farr should not be your scapegoat. In fact, so long as the Washington business lobby and its Republican allies continue to block federal enforcement of ADA, the courts will be the only avenue for ADA implementation. For all its flaws, ADA remains a pioneering civil rights measure. If The Pine Cone is going to weigh in on federal legislative issues, it should learn its legislative history and apply it constructively.

Edith Wilkie Edwards, Carmel

An 'unfair business advantage'

Dear Editor,

Although I do not often agree with The Pine Cone's take on compliance laws for the disabled, I do agree there should be, as your editor has suggested, a compliance-period-before-suit provision in the law.

I would like to try to balance out your one-sided coverage of ADA issues by giving some ink to questions such as why the successful businesses you mentioned (Mission Ranch, Casanova) are not in compliance.

You mentioned the Little Red House in P.G. It's a great spot and we all love the

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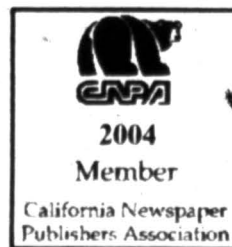
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LETTERS

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place. Yet, it was obvious that the place was inaccessible when it was remodeled into a cafe. Did they really think pushing a button and having employees lift disabled folks up the stairs was going to be legal?

The Pine Cone is a big supporter of small business. Consider this: Isn't an unfair business advantage given to the Little Red House that another restaurant which opened at the same time had to buy a lift and permanently give up a table to achieve access when the Little Red House did neither?

Yes, we need the political will to make the law better. We also need the commitment to make disabled access a reality.

Susan Goldbeck, Pacific Grove

'Highest standards of journalism'

Dear Editor,

Just a word of appreciation for your issues of Dec. 16 and 23, in which you covered so fully the facts and law of the ADA scam presently afflicting business in our area. Printing the complete opinion of the Los Angeles federal court was bold and superbly educational, and the Dec. 23 editorial on Rep. Farr's inaction was right on point. You are meeting the highest standards of journalism.

Eric Julber, attorney-at law, Carmel

Where's the money?

Dear Editor,

With regard to the ongoing discussion about TOT, I don't think I've ever seen any discussion about the increase in TOT brought about by the increase in cost of rentals.

Clearly if the cost of occupancy has gone up by 10 percent, then the income from the TOT has also gone up. I think this leads to two questions: How much has the cost of occupancy gone up, and what has happened to this "new" income?

John Donnelly, Carmel

'Collaboration is the way to succeed'

Dear Editor,

It saddens me to see the continued adversarial tack taken

by J. Ritchie Dunn (Monterey County Herald, Dec. 23) and those members of our community who are bent on opposition to any form of collaboration between the city of Carmel and its business community. The Carmel Chamber of Commerce has maintained for many years a visitor center on San Carlos which serves over 60,000 tourists a year. We created a new website this year directed specifically to travelers from other parts of the state and America. We support Carmel-by-the-Sea in this and many other ways, through the dues of our membership. We receive no financial support from the city of Carmel-by-the-Sea. To suggest we are "greedy" is both divisive and insulting. Rather than sit on our "duff" waiting for tourists to come to Carmel and then trying to tax them into non-existence, we continue to reach out to those who would visit our town. What, exactly, Mr. Dunn have you done lately to help sustain the public coffers?

There are many in Carmel who believe as I do. Collaboration is the way to succeed. The tax dollars we do raise through local sales tax and TOT stay in our community. Insuring the strong and continued support of visitors is how we will have the funds to maintain the institutions we feel are important. It is also how we will be able to maintain the budget in Carmel. At the moment, more than 50 percent of the operating budget comes from sales tax and TOT. The business community is proud to contribute more than its fair share.

Both businesses and residents have a vested interest in the city. Many residents are also business owners and members of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce. We will continue to search for ways to collaborate with the whole of the community. We must all, business and resident alike, join in our efforts to expand the limits of what we see as possible. In this way we will insure mutually beneficial results with a strong business district and a vibrant and engaged residential population.

Tom Williams

President, Carmel Chamber of Commerce

Funding the fight against cancer

Dear Editor,

Twenty years ago, the American Cancer Society opened a small quality resale shop in Pacific Grove with the plan of

raising funds for patient services and cancer research. The numbers have just come in for fiscal year 2003-2004 and we are proud to say our shop raised a record-breaking \$467,000! We could not have achieved this success without the help of local residents.

For two decades, the P.G. Discovery Shop has enjoyed incredible support from our community through donations of gently used items, hundreds of loyal shoppers, regular attendance to in-store cancer information events, and of course the nearly half-million hours worked by very committed volunteers.

During 2004 it is estimated 1,415 people living in Monterey County will hear the words, "You have cancer," and 540 will die from the disease. We're working to change that. Last week, three society-funded researchers were awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry. The award brings to 35 the number of society-supported researchers who have won the prize since 1946. Through your support of the Discovery Shop and other American Cancer Society events you enable us to fund the fight against cancer. Thank you.

Judy Parker, Discovery Shop Manager

Thanks for the holiday cheer

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my thanks and the thanks of many others who noticed the red bell cut-out hanging from the stanchion near the Carmel Mission on Rio Road. It was a pleasant surprise and an unselfish expression of holiday cheer from whoever erected it. These stanchions usually hoist green metal bells and can be seen up and down our state. They mark the King's Highway (El Camino Real) that connected the California missions. It's a shame that the one near the Carmel mission, probably one of the most visited missions in the state, should remain empty without a landmark bell. Once the holidays are over I hope the city can find a way to replace the bell that would normally hang there. It has remained empty way too long. Since the city coffers are running on empty, maybe the mayor knows someone who could donate to the cause and get that permanent bell replaced.

Carolyn Hardy, Carmel

KELSEY

From page 13A

Kelsey said. "He always made people feel welcome."

Hill, who attended Carmel High in the early '60s, recalled racing from the parking lot at lunchtime to grab one of the Rinky Dink's nine stools.

"It was the place to be. It probably averaged 30 people in there, including passing food to people outside," Hill said.

Opening at 4:30 a.m., the Rinky Dink was also the gathering place of many tradespeople and the site of frequent deals.

"If you needed a sheet-metal guy, you went to the Rinky Dink and found one," he said.

And whenever an emergency call went out for fire volunteers while he was working in the restaurant, Mr. Kelsey would appear, helmet on and apron flapping out from underneath his turnout jacket, Hill recalled.

The restaurant closed May 21, 1977, when the bank next door was being built. The workers who had gathered there for years raised the entire building and loaded it onto a truck to move it to the middle school, according to Hill. The door still hangs in the Village Pub just a few blocks away, with Mr.

Kelsey's photo alongside.

"He was really proud of the city," Kelsey said of his grandfather, who served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and Korea, and was voted commander of the American Legion Post in Carmel three times.

"He was a working man who volunteered a lot of his time to the community," he said.

In addition to his service as a volunteer firefighter, Mr. Kelsey was a Little League coach and umpire, served on the board of the Carmel Youth Center and ran the Bingmobile on the 18th Hole at Pebble Beach during the Crosby Pro-Am, which became the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Mr. Kelsey is survived by his wife of 59 years, Frances "Frankie" of Carmel, daughters Dee DeChalk of Marina and Randy Elliott of Magalia; grandchildren James Joshua (J.J.), Joseph Elliott, Kelsey Ann Elliott, Jaime Elliot, Casey DeChalk, Mary DeChalk and Matthew DeChalk; and eight great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held, with arrangements under the direction of The Paul Mortuary. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, 182 El Dorado St., Monterey, CA 93940.

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Sandy Claws

By Margot Petit Nichols



TUCKER SWENSON, 6, a cavalier King Charles spaniel, isn't allowed to watch Animal Planet on television because his barking, jumping and other manifestations of excitement are too much for his mom and dad.

Mom Bonnie and Dad Ron said Tucker looks out the window and goes to the front door, expecting those animals on TV to be there. Where can they all have gone?

So enamored is he of cats and dogs in particular, he'll dash in from another room when he recognizes the music of a dog or cat food commercial. More jumping

and barking.

The strange thing about all that is, Tucker didn't bark at all until he was four years old. He just started one day, and the Swensons have not known a moment of peace since.

Tucker has two homes: one on Carmel Point, and one in San Jose. The one in San Jose doesn't have a beach, but it does have Tucker's nephew and niece, Garrett, 1-1/2 and Lily, 4, who visit often, and for whom he waits with great anticipation when he knows they're coming over. Playmates are always welcome, but his retriever friends, Bruno and Hannibal, are

not always available. His favorite inanimate playthings are his rope toy and his "baby," a stuffed blue dog, which he carries about with him.

Mom and Tucker play hide and seek indoors quite often. When Mom first introduced him to the game, she hid a toy in a waste basket. She rues the day she ever did that — and hasn't repeated the mistake since — because every now and then, Tucker goes through the house, upsetting wastebaskets room after room, and sorting through the contents with his cute freckled nose.

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This week's cover home, located in Pacific Grove
is presented by Carol Crandall of Burchell House Properties (see page 2B)


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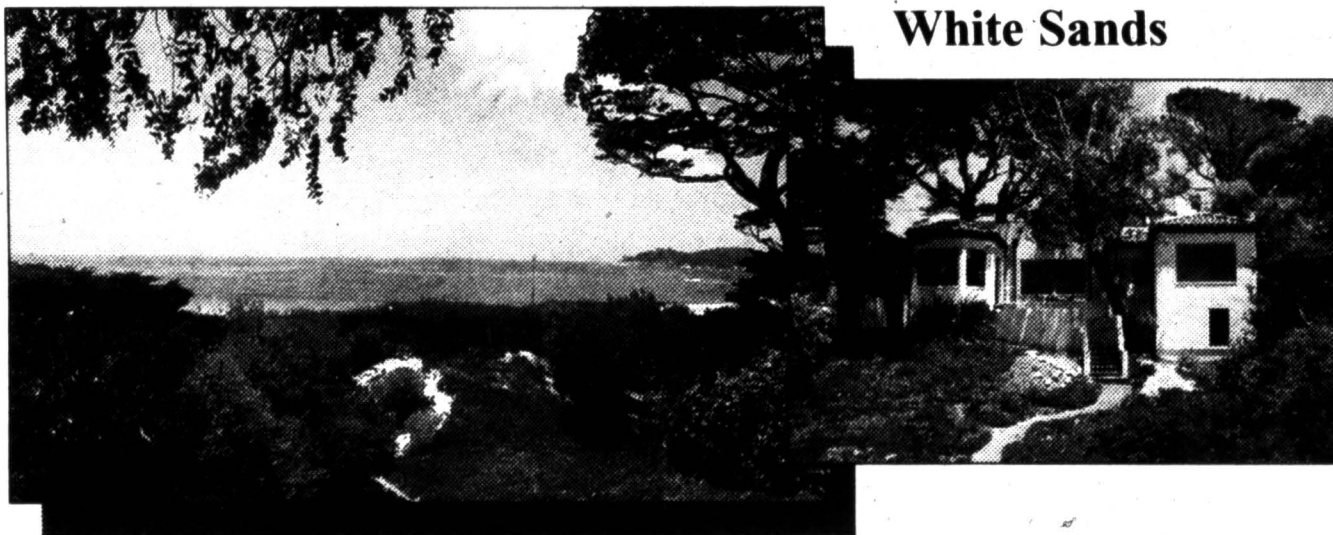
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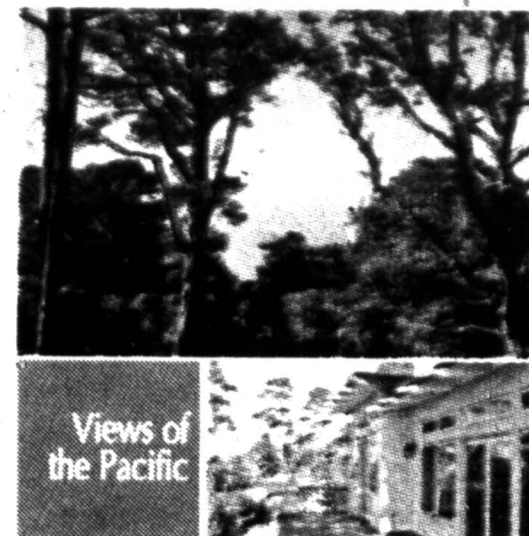
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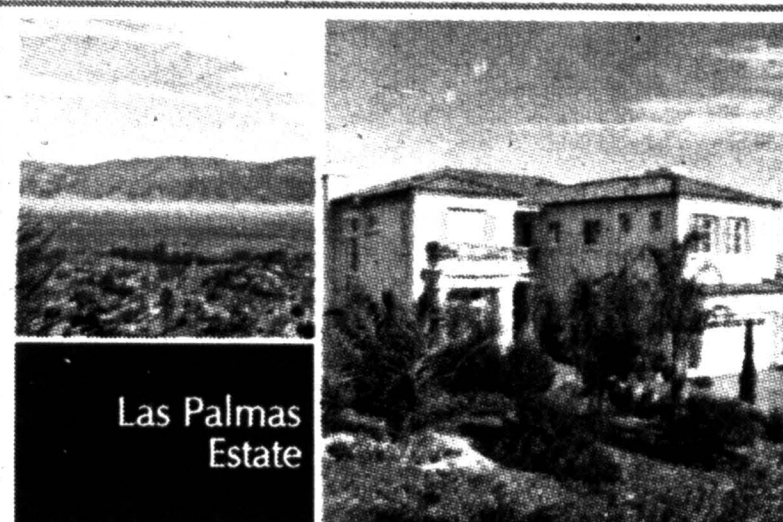
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Bedrooms: 2
Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 1,485
Price: \$625,000

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PEBBLE BEACH

Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 2,262
Price: \$1,900,000

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Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 1,600
Price: \$1,795,000

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Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 1,900
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Bedrooms: 3
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Bedrooms: 3
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Price: \$1,695,000

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This home's flowing floor plan includes a formal dining room, family room with Carmel stone fireplace, and a light and bright kitchen. Spacious bedrooms, separate spa room off the master bath, plus a well manicured yard.

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Dansk sale rankles city

By MARY BROWNFIELD

IS IT a going-out-of-business sale, or not? City officials, law enforcement and residents know the Dansk store at Ocean and San Carlos is closing, but liquidation signs inside are conspicuously absent. Meanwhile, the city is fielding complaints from residents about men holding Dansk sale signs at major highway intersections into Carmel and trucks unloading new inventory at the shop.

Carmel law requires a store going out of business to apply for a permit before being granted 90 days to liquidate inventory, according to city planner Nathan Schmidt. It must also provide a list of the stock on hand and cannot bring in new items. The penalty for noncompliance is a minimum fine of \$50 per day; after three days it becomes a misdemeanor.

Word spread in October that Dansk would be closing, and employees tell callers the store will be shuttered at the end of January, but Schmidt said the city has not received an application. He did receive an e-mail from an official at Gordon Brothers, a liquidator, asking about the city's rules.

Store manager Talissa O'Neil said corporate officers at Dansk headquarters have "done their research as far as this town with its kooky laws," and advised her not to post any signs indicate it's closing or liquidating merchandise.

"I'm just told as far as what we're allowed to have and what we're not," she said, adding that she does not know whether the company has hired a liquidator to sell the merchandise. She referred further questions to corporate headquarters, which did not return calls.

Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud said she and the city have received complaints about Dansk's ongoing sale.

"They are bringing in huge quantities of

stuff. One morning last week, they had huge trucks parked on Sixth and on San Carlos, and they had wooden pallets stacked on the road and boxes stacked on the sidewalk," McCloud said. "That's against our city code. They are in the hands of liquidators."

City administrator Rich Guillen said such complaints, which also arose when Rittmaster and Oxbridge liquidated their inventories, highlight weaknesses in the current law.

Corporate officers at Dansk headquarters have 'done their research as far as this town with its kooky laws.'

— Talissa O'Neil

Obviously, a \$50 fine is not much of a motivator for an out-of-town corporation, and for the city to charge a corporate officer with a crime is probably overkill.

"The problem is the ordinance is based on a lot of mutual trust, and sometimes chain stores like Dansk think they can come in and do what they need to do to make it profitable for them," Guillen

said. "Most of the cities and public agencies they deal with don't have anything like this."

Guillen said the city ordinance aims to prevent several-month-long "store closing" sales and protect other downtown retailers from being undercut by an influx of inventory selling at rock-bottom prices.

"We're trying to work things out with Dansk right now and are also looking to put more teeth in the ordinance," Guillen said.

As far as sign waving on Highway 1 is concerned, the city has little recourse, since it's outside Carmel-by-the-Sea's jurisdiction.

"They're in a pedestrian area, and if they want to carry a sign, they can," CHP public information officer Richard Richards said.

Guillen said McCloud plans to raise the issue with the county board of supervisors to see if a rule might be developed, while Guillen intends to contact incoming county administrative officer Lew Bauman.

"That's not something we really want on our scenic highway," Guillen said.



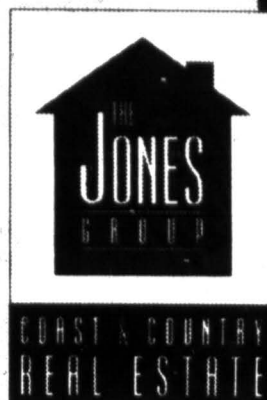
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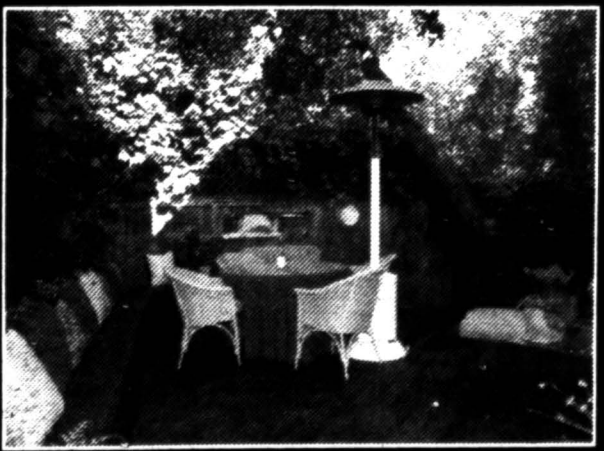
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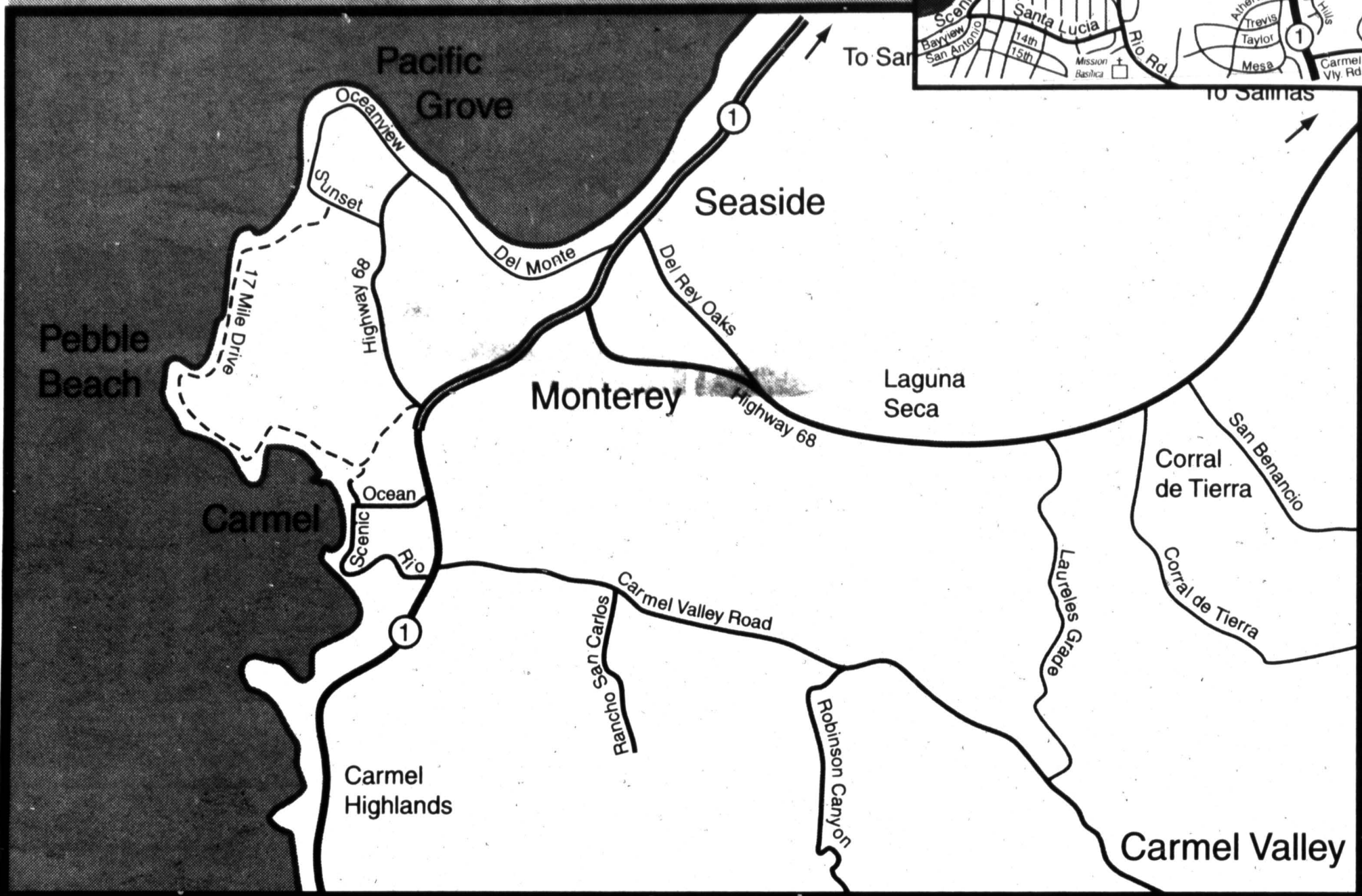
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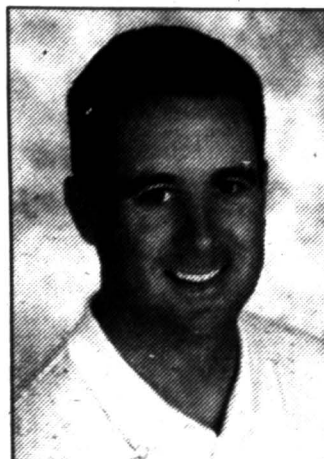


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POLICE LOG

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contacted a technician who would be sent out first thing in the morning of 12-21.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a medical emergency at the hotel at Camino Real and Eighth. Firefighters assisted ambulance crew with vitals, EKG, patient report information and loading for an elderly female complaining of pain to the neck and left shoulder/arm area. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 en route to request for public assistance for furnace problem at a residence on Lincoln. Crew assisted a partially blind woman on how to reset her heater's thermostat, as she stated it was heating her home to around 90 degrees in the evening, and she was leaving town the following day for two weeks away and didn't want it to be a hazard.

See **POLICE LOG** page 8B

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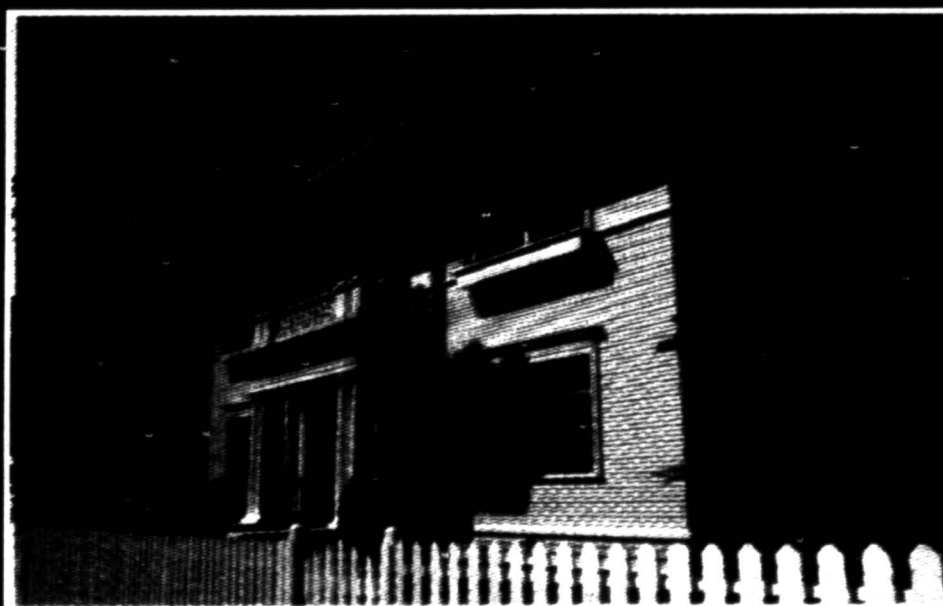
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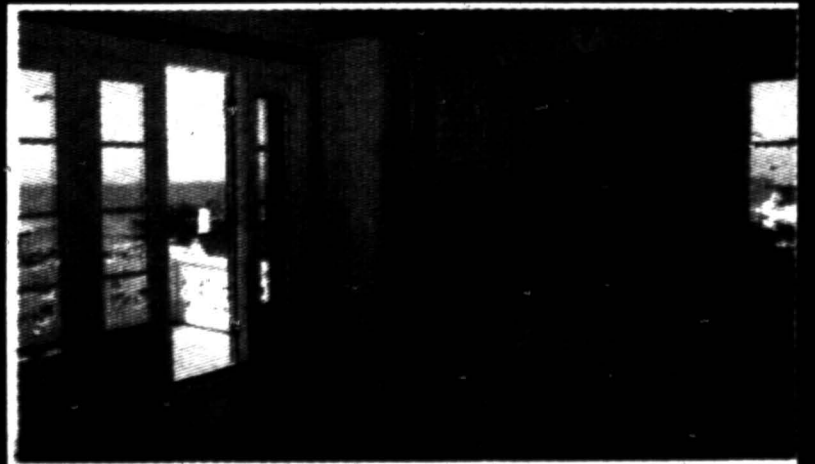
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Pebble Beach: Male, age 50, reported someone drove a vehicle onto the 2nd Fairway of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club golf course and caused \$2,500 in damage.

Carmel area: A 67-year-old female Cañada Court resident reported her 67-year-old husband was off of his psychiatric meds. He was later placed on a 72-hour hold by his doctor.

Carmel area: A male subject reported that someone has been dumping trash in his dumpster behind his gas station on Carmel Place. In the dumpster, he located items belonging to a female suspect.

Carmel area: A 72-year-old female reported her vacation house on Mount Devon Road in the Carmel Highlands was burglarized.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male Casanova resident reported possible petty or grand theft of property from his residence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Elderly male subject

living on Casanova reported the possible theft of property from his residence. Further investigation showed that the property was not taken or missing. Report reclassified as unfounded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen on Junipero Street reported hearing a dog barking and whining. The house in question was checked and also the surrounding area. No dog noise heard at the residence. A few barks were heard north of the house in question; however, no barking violations were witnessed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Civil dispute in regard to property damage at a local inn on San Carlos Street. A female subject was counseled that the issue in question is civil. Apparently, the manager at the inn contended that the guests had an animal in their room and caused damage to the furnishings. The guest wrote a memorandum addressed to city hall which in turn was forwarded to the police department. No further action.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Elderly female fell on city property at San Carlos and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen reported seeing a possible feral kitten in the business area on Mission Street. A trap will be set during the day in an attempt to capture it.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit and run at Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to a medical emergency on Lincoln. On scene, firefighters assisted ambulance crew with vitals, oxygen, EKG, patient report information and leading for an elderly female having difficulty breathing. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a medical emergency on San Antonio. Firefighters assisted ambulance crew with vitals, EKG, patient report information and loading for a 79-year-old female with severe pain in the left foot. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to report of medical emergency, elderly victim of a fall at San Carlos and Seventh. Firefighters assisted ambulance crew with assessment, care, bleeding control of abrasion on right side temple. Patient refused further care at scene and was advised of need to go to a medical facility and risks involved with not seeing a physician. She understood and signed a medical release form.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to report of past-tense fire in a residence at Junipero and 10th caused by ashes in a plastic can stored in the garage. At scene, found the homeowner had successfully extinguished the plastic can. Remained on scene to remove light residual smoke that was throughout the whole residence. Battalion chief at scene. The 13-year-old daughter had cleaned out the ashes in the fireplace earlier in the day and placed the ashes in the plastic can. Damage/loss estimated at \$10 for replacement of plastic can.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to report of a medical emergency, located at the residence on Santa Fe. Found an elderly female semiconscious and vomiting. Fire crew assisted the ambulance with assessment and care of the patient. Loaded the patient for transport to CHOMP.

Carmel area: Female, age 32, reported an ongoing problem with a 42-year-old female patient whom the Carmel Rancho Boulevard medical office no longer wishes to have as a patient.

Carmel Valley: A 38-year-old female

Holman Road resident reported receiving harassing phone calls from her ex-boyfriend.

Carmel Valley: Female Carmel Valley Road resident, age 49, reported possible trespassing regarding a neighbor. Neighbor was found to be pet sitting for one of the other neighbors and was not trespassing but on a common driveway.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of subject banging on the door of a Casanova residence at 0238 hours. Discovered it was the neighbor's boyfriend. He was intoxicated; however, he was in his home. He was advised to stay inside and to stop making noise.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmel P.D. received report of a verbal domestic dispute from a male subject who stated his estranged wife was banging on the door to his Lincoln Street rental home and demanding entry. The couple is separated and he refused to allow her entry under her emotional demands. Upon arrival, contact was made with the estranged wife, who admitted that she resides in a home in the county area while her husband resides at the rental home. After it was determined no physical altercation occurred between the two, both parties were counseled on domestic violence laws for California. The female went home with no further incident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision on public property on Dolores Street. Property damage only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A female arrived with her brother to inform police she had lost her black leather money pouch. She last remembered having it yesterday at approximately 1415 hours when visiting a coffee shop on Ocean Avenue near Mission Street. They had been retracing where they visited, which encompassed Carmel and the Asilomar area. Because her I.D. and other personal items were in the pouch, she needed to file a report of the loss since she will be boarding an airline as of 12-23. They said they would attempt a search of their hotel and vehicle one last time. At 1215 hours, she called the station to report they located the travel pouch. No further action warranted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1120 hours,



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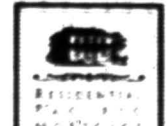
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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject involved in an argument on Camino Real concerning a domestic situation. Male wanted the engagement ring back. Subjects were counseled concerning the situation. Female party given information for future help. The male left the residence for the evening.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to report of medical emergency on Alta Avenue. Engine canceled by FireComm; residence located outside of CFD jurisdiction. Ambulance continued in mutual aid to ambulance.

Pebble Beach: Female requested a welfare check on a 45-year-old Larkin Road resident.

Big Sur: A 22-year-old male subject reported the chef at a Highway 1 restaurant said words likely to provoke a fight to the victim and pushed the victim while they were in the kitchen at the restaurant.

Carmel Valley: Female resident, age 47, reported receiving annoying phone calls from an unknown person.

Carmel Valley: A Female Carmel Valley Road resident, age 31, reported a female adult possibly trespassing on her property. Female was later located. She suffers from Huntington's chorea which is similar to Parkinson's. She was given a ride to the bus station.

Carmel Valley: Female Schulte Road resident, age 47, reported being a target of vandalism. Last week, a nail was found in one of her

car's tires. Electricity to her RV was turned off, and subjects attempted to steal her sewer hose early this morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A wallet was found at the market at San Carlos and Seventh at 1200 hours on 12-22. The management held the wallet overnight with hopes the owner would return that day. The wallet was forwarded to CPD today. A representative from Citibank credit card bureau was contacted and was asked to call the owner's home and business telephone numbers in order to leave a message pertaining to the wallet being held at the station for safekeeping. At 1530 hours, received a call from the owner of the wallet and she wished to claim it. Apparently, she now lives in Carmel. The wallet was transported to her residence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Juvenile booked at 1546 hours on several charges, including burglary, and released on a citation. The teenage female was suspected of using a stolen credit card to purchase more than \$400 worth of items from local stores.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Santa Fe Street resident reported her Social Security number was being used by another party.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Informational report taken by the dispatcher.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officers responded to a Mission Street location on report of a man and a woman yelling at each other in the street. Upon arrival, the parties were separated. It was determined it was a verbal disagreement only. The parties agreed to remain in quarters for the

rest of the night so they could cool down. Both parties were cooperative.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: While on a bar check, a passerby stated there was a female possibly intoxicated on the corner of Dolores and Seventh. Upon arrival, found a female so intoxicated she could not stand or say where she was. She related that she was having severe stomach pains and had had too much to drink.

Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance was dispatched to the scene and later transported her to CHOMP for treatment and evaluation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 711 responded to report of a person stuck in the elevator at the home care building on Lincoln. At scene, found the elevator stuck between the third and second

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Carmel-by-the-Sea Charmers!

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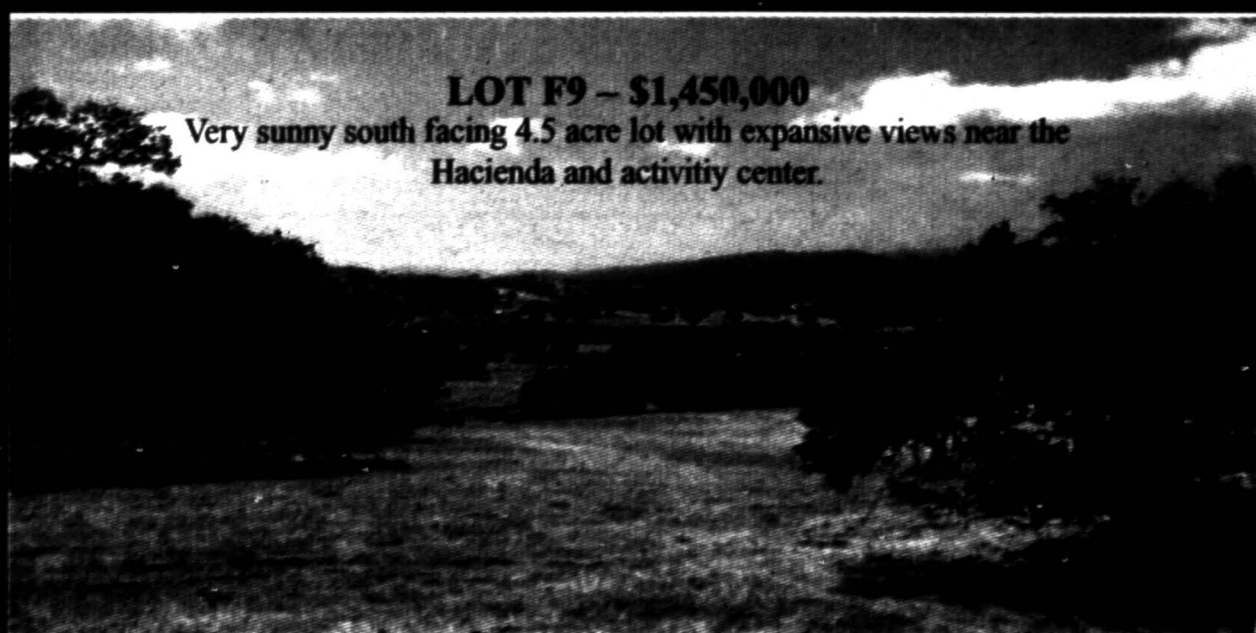
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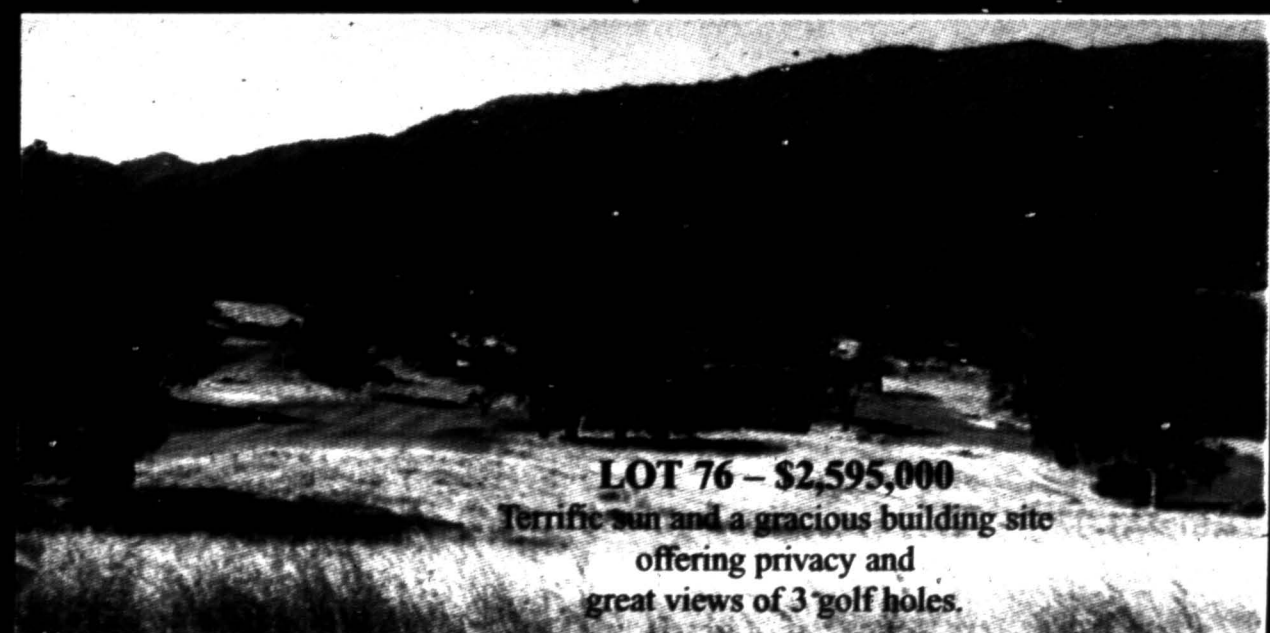
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floors. The elevator company was contacted and sent a representative to the scene. Battalion Chief 7103 at scene. The tech arrived within 20 minutes and opened the door to the car. The female inside was OK and released from the car.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to report of auto-aid response to Pacific Meadows residential community. Engine canceled by CDF-Monterey.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111, Ambulance 7166 and Rescue 7161 responded to report of a medical emergency in the parking lot at a bank on San Carlos Street. Engine and rescue at scene assisted ambulance crew with assessment and loading of patient for transport to CHOMP. She was a female complaining of dizziness and leg pain on her right side.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111, Ambulance 7668 and Rescue 7161 responded to medical emergency in the hotel at Camino Real and Eighth. Assessed the elderly male patient suffering a possible fainting episode. Ambulance soon arrived and patient was assessed by paramedic. He improved, then refused transport and signed a medical release form.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to report of medical emergency on the sidewalk near Dolores and Seventh. Possible intoxicated female.

Helped with the assessment and loading of patient for transport to CHOMP. Female was intoxicated and unable to communicate effectively.

Carmel Valley: A 19-year-old male subject reported verbal dispute with attendants at a Mid Valley Center gas station.

Carmel Valley: A 31-year-old female resident was found cutting her wrists with a razor when her husband came home from work. She was transported to Natividad Medical Center for evaluation.

Big Sur: A 34-year-old male dish washer at the Whale Watchers Café in Gorda became involved in an argument with a 44-year-old coworker. The argument became heated and the suspect shoved the victim so hard he fell over a table inside of the restaurant. The suspect picked up a chair to hit the victim, but he was stopped by two other coworkers. He was arrested and transported to Monterey County Jail.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7103 responded to report of commercial fire alarm activation, reported pull station zone, at the Pan American Building at Fifth and Junipero. Found the building was clear, the zone indication on the panel was not the pull station, but it did indicate an activation in the knitting store.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to a medical emergency on San Carlos.

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Crew assisted Ambulance 7166 with vitals, report information and loading for a female who was intoxicated and had fallen in the roadway. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to medical emergency at an inn at Dolores and Fourth. Firefighters assisted ambulance crew with patient assessment and report information for an elderly female complaining of severe abdominal pain. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 crew responded from the prior incident to a new incident at the same location. Crew performed primary patient assessment, vitals, splinting, patient report information and loading for a middle-aged female with a possible fractured left ankle. Patient transported to CHOMP by Ambulance 7668.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to a medical emergency on Carmelo. Firefighters assisted crew of Ambulance 7166 with vitals, EKG, report information and loading for a male complaining of flu-like symptoms. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: While conducting a vehicle check on Scenic Road, a 19-year-old male subject was found in a car with a 16-year-old female at 0145 hours. The female was brought back to the station for curfew violation. Her mother was called and responded to the station to pick her up. The female's mother stated she did not know her daughter was out, but that she knew her daughter's boyfriend was 19.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property in the area of San Carlos and Fourth at 1839 hours. She was transported to CHOMP for treatment and evaluation.

CHRISTMAS

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 15-year-old who was visiting his family in Carmel found a wallet while out walking on Monte Verde Street at 1835 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Stopped a vehicle at 2325 hours on Highway 1 at Carmel Valley Road for speeding. While talking with the driver, advised by dispatch that the vehicle was reported stolen or possibly lost by one of its registered owners. Spoke with the driver, who was the male half of the registered owners, and he knew nothing of the vehicle being stolen. He explained that he and his wife are involved in a separation and on Thanksgiving, she took the car and disappeared. He was able to locate her with the vehicle and in the middle of the night, he took his car back from her without her knowing. He felt that his ex-wife reported it stolen out of spite, since she knew he had the vehicle. The vehicle was entered into CLETS as located since it was not in fact stolen. CHP-Chico was advised.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Battalion 7103 responded to a reported fire alarm activation at the Pan Am building, Fifth and Junipero. The alarm panel was found to be in both alarm and trouble mode with no audible sounding, indicating heat detector activation and trouble at the adjacent knitting store. As building checked clear, the alarm was silenced and reset.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1303 hours Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 were dispatched to a medical emergency at the Carmel Mission. Upon arrival, found a female who nearly fainted. Patient evaluated, loaded and transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

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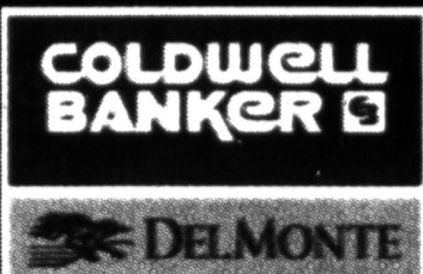
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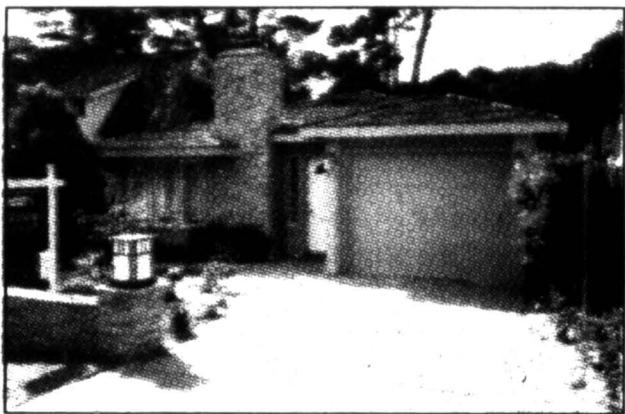


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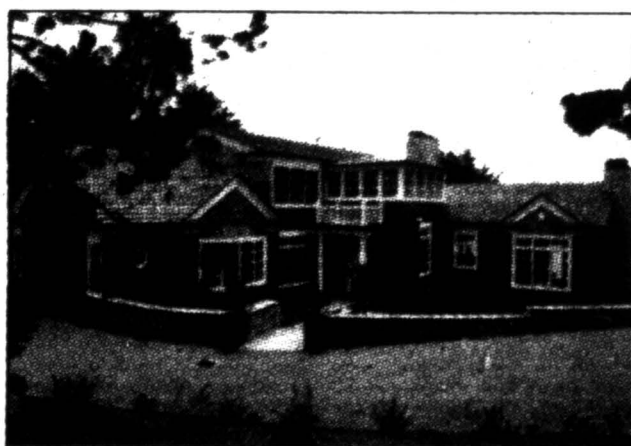


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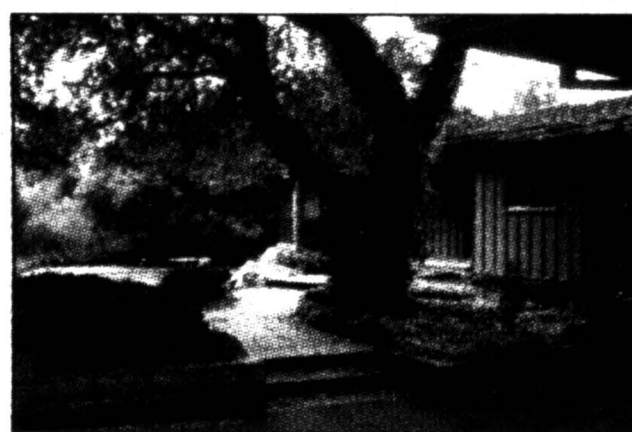
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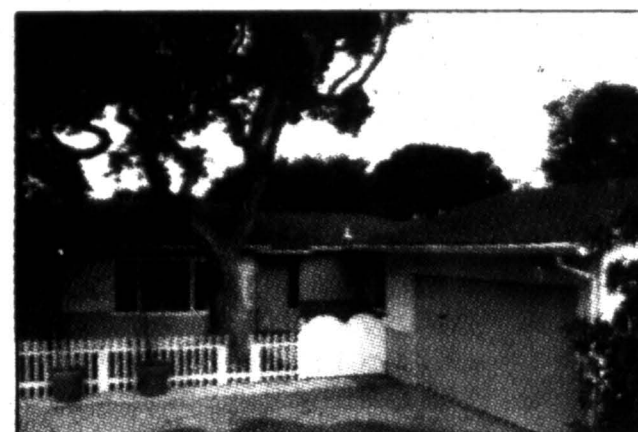
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